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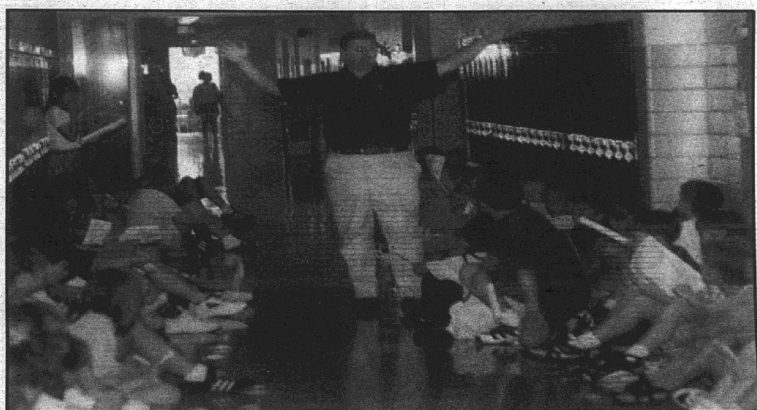
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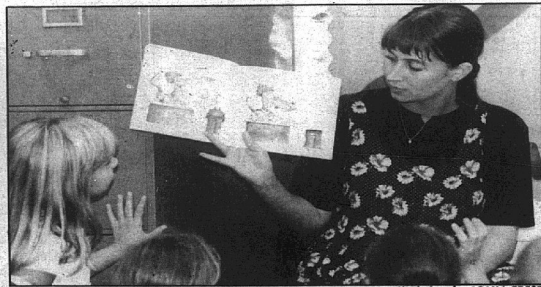
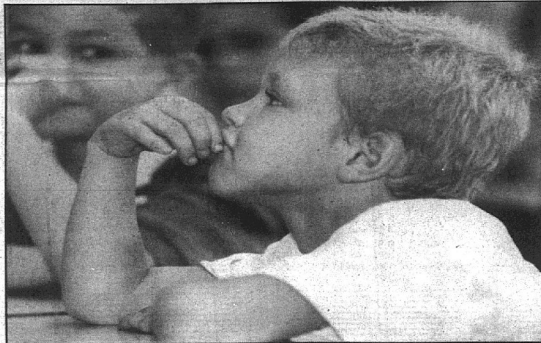
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FIFTY CENTS



School daze — Whether they were ready or not, local students went back to school last week. Above, Coolidge Middle School social studies teacher Mike Edwards shows incoming seventh-grade students the classrooms they will be shuttling between. At right, Jeremy Harrison listens as Janice Dittman, his second-grade teacher, explains how work will be graded in her class at Niedringhaus School. Below right, Niedringhaus third-grade teacher Kari Dioneda shows students pictures in a book she read to them on the first day of classes Tuesday. Below, Kyle Kozier shows his mother, Lynette, the work he did in his first day at Niedringhaus' kindergarten.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESSE)

Fire jurisdiction under dispute

Mitchell, Hartford fire districts both respond to calls

Hartford officials and the Mitchell Fire Protection District are at odds over who should respond to rescue calls in an area recently annexed by Hartford.

The annexation of property south of the Cahokia Diversion Channel and along Illinois Route 3 has led to several incidents in which both Mitchell and Hartford firefighters have responded to accidents at the intersection of New Poag Road and Route 3.

"The state statute is clear," Hartford Mayor Ron Goode said. "When you annex property, jurisdiction runs to the next property line, and that would be the railroad tracks on the east side of Route 3."

Mitchell Assistant Fire Chief Lindell Dockery is just as sure the intersection is still in his district.

"That was our intersection all the way to the middle of the canal for years and years," he said. "All the information we have, so far, shows that it is still our intersection."

Both Goode and Dockery are quick to

point out there is no feud going on between the communities. Both said they would like to see the matter resolved quietly.

Meanwhile, the double coverage has frustrated both departments and their ambulance services, which also respond in duplicate when the departments' emergency crews respond to accidents at the intersection.

"All annexations do is create problems for fire departments and police departments," Dockery said.

Mitchell Fire Chief Eddie Lee said his district used to encompass 37 square miles but is now down to 34 square miles because of annexations over the years. Mitchell is an unincorporated area and had no recourse when Granite City and Pontoon Beach annexed portions of the fire protection district, he said.

Hartford Fire Chief Don Prickett said the village can respond to a call at the intersection more quickly because of its fire station's proximity.

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Nameoki Township referendum OK'd

By Scott Cousins

Staff writer
An advisory referendum on seeking a single trash hauler for Nameoki Township will be on the Nov. 7 ballot.

The referendum will cover unincorporated portions of the township.

The township board of trustees voted 4-0 last week to seek the referendum.

The referendum will ask voters if the township should contract with a single trash hauler for waste removal in unincorporated areas within the township.

Individual residents are now responsible for contracting for their own trash hauling.

Board members met twice last week with Pontoon Beach trustees to discuss the plan.

The county is urging townships to participate in clean merit recycling programs. Madison County has been mandated by the state to recycle 25 percent

of its solid waste stream by July 1996.

Because Pontoon Beach is incorporated, the village board could approve an ordinance specifying the use of a single trash hauler. Village residents now also contract individually for trash service.

Pontoon Beach Trustee Irene Karlechik, who attended both meetings with township officials last week, said the village board would discuss a similar referendum at an ad hoc committee meeting on Tuesday.

She said if the board decided to call for a referendum, it would be on the spring ballot.

Karlechik said at this time the village is considering joining the township in contracting for a single trash hauler.

In other business, the board approved a Labor Day resolution, and finalized plans to participate in the 15th Annual Tri-Cities Labor Day Parade, scheduled for Monday in Granite City.

Madison acts on comp time

By Scott Cousins

Staff writer
An ordinance eliminating the use of compensatory time by city employees was approved by the Madison City Council on its first reading last week.

Alderman John Hamm, chairman of the finance committee, said there have been problems with compensatory time

in the past.

"If you look back in the records, an abundance of compensatory time has cost this city several thousands of dollars," he said. "It wasn't managed right and so much was accumulated over the years, and then all of a sudden, bang, it hits us."

According to the ordinance, all com

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John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist, KSDK NewsChannel 5

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Driver screening called effective

A statewide mandatory fingerprinting and background check for school bus driver applicants filtered out several dozen people convicted of serious crimes during its first month of operation.

The checks also identified another 20 percent of applicants as having either arrest or conviction records that do not bar them from driving school buses but can be used by bus operators to make hiring decisions, Secretary of State George Ryan said.

Locally, however, officials of the contract

school bus service for the Granite City and Madison school districts, said that no new applicants were rejected as a result of the new program.

"I think it is a good program," said Jerry Smith of Mayflower-Laidlaw Bus Co. He said Mayflower has utilized more extensive investigations — reference checks, behind-the-wheel training and random drug screenings — for several years to ensure qualified drivers are employed.

Ryan said 584 applicants were

fingerprinted and checked against state and FBI records during July, the first month the new law was in effect.

He said 26 were found to have committed crimes that automatically bar them from employment as school bus drivers.

"In the past, our system for criminal background checks let too many people convicted of these serious crimes slip through the cracks," Ryan said. "Now that we're taking fingerprinting, we've got a way to screen out these felons."

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Transit district buying vans

By Scott Cousins

Staff writer
The purchase of 60 vans for the Madison County Transit District's RideFinders program was approved by the district's board

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Calendar

Our event calendar also includes entries for community groups and their normal meeting days. Such groups meet on the first Monday of the month, the first Tuesday of the month, etc. Readers are encouraged to call these groups if holidays or other days pose uncertainty.

Corrections, additions and deletions of information are encouraged, and new entries may be added at anytime by calling the newsroom at 876-2000. This calendar runs in every Wednesday's Journal.

Wednesday, Sept. 6

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 53 will offer a service officer from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Tri-City Veterans Home, located at 1417 19th St., in Granite City. Call 876-7816 for more information.

Pulmonary Support Group, for persons with diagnosed lung condition, 11 a.m. to noon in 4-Docors Solarium, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 799-3019.

Singles Connection, dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Pantera's in Edwardsville. Call Linda at 288-9445 for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Elizabeth School, 1000 Ark Day Care, Pontoon Road, Granite City. The meetings are closed except for the last Wednesday of the month.

Collinsville Area Recreation District in conjunction with the Books and Slippers Square Dance Club will sponsor square dance lessons from 7 to 9 p.m. at Lanham, 2200 Vandalia St., Collinsville. The cost is \$2.50 per person. For information, call 344-4636 or 344-4183, or contact CARP at 346-7229.

Divorced and Separated Group Ministry, 7-8:30 p.m., Eden United Church of Christ, 903 Second Street, Edwardsville, 656-9268.

Parents Anonymous Group, meets 6 to 8 p.m. For information on where meeting will be held, call Elaine Landolt, 462-2714.

Stress Management Class, 7 to 8 p.m. at Mental Health Services, 50 Northgate Industrial Drive, Granite City. For people who want to know what causes stress, how it affects their lives, and what they can do about it. For more information call 877-4420. Fees are based on a sliding income scale.

Madison Community Action Group, meets at 7 p.m. For more information call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 876-1360.

Thursday, Sept. 7

Lions Club of Pontoon Beach meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Den, 5901 Lake Drive in Pontoon Beach. Anyone interested in helping the visual or hearing impaired are welcome. Call Bob at 877-0747 for more information.

Singles Connection, miniature golf at 7 p.m. at Centerfield Park in Fairview Heights. Call Lee at 388-8782 for more information.

Chouteau Township Senior Citizens, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Social Center, 906 Thornbridge Drive, Mitchell.

Eagle Park Area Seniors of Madison meet from 10 a.m. to noon at 100 Hill St. (rear), Eagle Park Acres, Madison.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Presbyterian Church, Mitchell, 1 (800) 307-6600.

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Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 2363, 6:45 p.m. at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2902 Edwards St. For information, 797-6351 or 877-2784.

Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Wellness Center, 2103 Iowa, 463-2423.

Narcotics Anonymous, Seeking recovery, 8 p.m., 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hotline 398-9409.

Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at First Christian Church, 2415 N. 8th St., Caseyville. For information, call 1 (314) 638-7821.

Friday, Sept. 8

Eagles Auxiliary 1126 will travel to the Illinois State Conference in Aurora. Contact Joanna Spencer for more information.

Granite Chapter 650 Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.

Singles Connection, will attend a dance sponsored by Mess at 8:30 p.m. at Casa Gonzalez in Belleville. Call Sandy at 344-1393 for more information.

Southern Illinois Divorced and Separated Catholics, 7:30 p.m., St. Boniface, 1235 N. Buchanan, Edwardsville.

Downtown Neighborhood Restoration Society, Granite City, 876-7715, 8 p.m.

Hereditary Ataxia (a disorder of nerve cells in the spinal cord and cerebellum) support group. Call Curt Williams, 877-5172, for information.

Al-Anon meets at 8 p.m. in the Miloski Room in the basement at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Call 463-2429 for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous, noon and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Friday Afternoon Pinocchio Club for seniors 55 and over meets at 1:30 p.m. at the Harold Brown Building, Franklin Avenue and Pontoon Road. Call 877-0350 for more information.

STEMES (Support Together for Emotional and Mental Serenity and Sobriety). A support group for people with a mental illness and an alcohol or substance abuse problem, meets from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Pascal Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Call 798-3604 for more information.

Saturday, Sept. 9

Break Away bicycle tours will participate in the barnstorming tour in Jerseyville Carrollton. Rural with flat to rolling terrain. Cost is \$7. Leave Break Away Bike Tours at 9 a.m. Call 451-8690 for more information.

Piasa-Gateway Chapter of Abate of Illinois will meet at 7 p.m. at Gabby's Bar and Grill, 1800 State St. in Granite City. Call Skinny at 259-0120 or Larry at 526-4900 for more information.

Quad City Youth Fellowship, 2257 Cleveland, 7 p.m., 931-3480 or 877-4948.

Singles Connection, will attend Comedy Etc. at the Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights. Call John at 828-9127 for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Al-Anon Adult Children, 10 a.m., 2016 Delmar Ave., 463-2423.

Narcotics Anonymous, Acceptance, 8 p.m., 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hotline 398-9409.

Rescue Mission, 1538 Fourth St., Madison, food pantry is open from 9 a.m. to noon. Samuel Turner is the chairman, Valonda Turner is the secretary and Alfred Turner is the pastor.

Sunday, Sept. 10

Dewey Avenue United Methodist Church will hold its 90th anniversary celebration with worship services at 10:45 a.m., luncheon served at 12:30 p.m. and a rededication ceremony at 2 p.m.

Midwestern United States Imperial Dance Club (MUSIC) will hold its regular meeting at 8 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Collinsville. The public is invited for dance lessons and open dancing at a cost of \$4 for nonmembers and \$2 for members. For more information, call 463-2405.

Senior Social Club will meet for games at the Granite City Township Hall, 2600 Delmar Ave. in Granite City. Call 877-1215 for more information.

Singles Connection will attend a picnic with members of the Metro East Social Singles at 1 p.m. at the Liederkranz Park in Millstadt. Call Sandy at 344-1393 for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Narcotics Anonymous, Live the Steps, 8 p.m., 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hotline 398-9409.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 20th St. main floor, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Eagles Auxiliary 1126 Bingo, 1 p.m. at the Nemoiki Bingo Center. Also included will be a color raffle, 50/50 drawing free games and other raffish.

Overeaters Anonymous, meets at 2 p.m. in the Wiesman Room, first floor, St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Monday, Sept. 11

Eagles Auxiliary 1126 will hold their first meeting of September at 7:30 p.m. at the Eagles home, 2558 Madison Ave. in Granite City. A social hour and refreshments will be enjoyed.

Granite City Lions meet at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Granite City in either the auxiliary room or the Pinta room. Any man or woman 18 or older interested in Lionism is welcome to attend. Anyone interested may call Lion President Marlene Cook at 876-2515 or Lion Treasurer Ken Turcott at 877-6776.

National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 1067 meets at 11:30 a.m. at Charlie's Restaurant in Granite City. For more information call 831-2118.

Singles Connection will hold a movie night at 6:30 p.m. at Cottonwood Cinemas in Glen Carbon. Call Frank at 876-4315 for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous, noon and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Al-Anon, 9:30 a.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 463-2423.

Neglected Victims of Child Sexual Abuse, a support group for nonoffending parents of victims, meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville's Rape and Sexual Abuse Care Center. Call 692-2197 for details.

TOPS 2048 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6 p.m., Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City, 876-2124.

TOPS 11, 6:45, 7 p.m., Anchorage Recreation Center, 2902 Edwards St., Granite City, 452-5102. Men and women welcome.

Wal-Mart Senior Citizens, bingo, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

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Wal-Mart Senior Citizens, bingo, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 12

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, Granite City, 931-5557, 8 p.m.

Job's Daughters Bethel #43 meets at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard.

Knights of Columbus, 3rd Degree, 4225 Old Alton Road, 7:30 p.m., 877-4250.

Singles Connection will play volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA, East Drive in Edwardsville. There is a \$3 fee for three hours of play. Call Frank at 876-4315 for more information.

Better Breathers, support group of those with chronic lung condition, 1 p.m., Pascal Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3118.

Mastectomy Support Group, 7 to 9 p.m., Pascal Hall, main floor, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3510.

Mitchell Fire Protection District 2 monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Maryville and Old Alton Roads.

Depressive Manic Depressive Association of Madison County will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. James Lewis and Karl A. Strassman, co-leaders of the DMDA, will conduct the meetings. For more information, call 877-7017 or (314) 776-0229.

TOPS 1699 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) will meet at 6:45 p.m. at the Anchorage Recreation Center, 2902 Edwards St.; call 797-2724 for more information. Men and women are welcome to attend.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:30 a.m. and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Alcoholics Anonymous (women only), 8 p.m., Presbyterian Church, Mitchell, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. John United Church, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 692-8078.

Al-Anon, 8 p.m., St. John United Church, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 463-2423.

Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Niedringhaus United Methodist Church cafeteria, 20th and Delmar, Granite City (babysitter available), 463-2423.

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Venice
By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

At first glance, it looks just another overgrown lot. However, a closer look shows there is a dense thicket of trees and shrubs at the site of Douglas Street Venice.

Two doors down an overgrown lot hides both cases, beer and bottles and other debris on the ground.

So instead of a Venice Superintender Anthony Matthews w

Late-Summer
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School bells are getting ready for football's event on wheels and the beach about to be deserted. Good old summer's wintling down. But activities certainly aren't. Late summer/early plenty to do.

For starters, if you're out on one of spring shows a few months ago said "wait 'til next year" to act. We're talking about the gorgeous spring bulbs. Now's the time to plant them. They establish vigorous systems before winter. Best to get them into the ground as soon as possible.

Till the garden soil peat or another soil conditioner to six inches below the bulbs' recommended depth. This loosens soil and improves drainage, ariability.

Place the holes as they are deep. For longed boost, add a bone meal or bulb food to each bulb hole. Then the bulb. For first-timers who haven't planted bulbs before, pointed side of the up.

Make sure the newly planted bulbs receive an inch of water a mulched bulb bed to prevent moisture loss. frost heaves during the roots during winter.

September's usual afternoons, cool night dewy mornings provide perfect environment for newly seeded or sown lawns. If your lawn is complete renovation touch-up here and there couldn't ask for better conditions.

Before seeding or sod, remove all trash, buildup and rough soil. Use a spreader seeding to ensure coverage. Tossing top around an old place create a rather bizzare looking lawn.

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Venice begins war on weeds, overgrown lots

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Staff writer

At first glance, it looks like just another overgrown lot. However, a closer inspection shows there is a derelict house somewhere among all the weeds and trees at the site in the 1000 block of Douglas Street in Venice.

Two doors down another overgrown lot hides a house. In both cases, beer and liquor bottles and other debris cover the ground.

So instead of a weed-eater, Venice Superintendent of Streets Anthony Matthews will probably

need a chain saw.

Matthews, who was appointed in early August, and City Health Inspector John Henry Williams are now systematically going through the entire city to deal with weed problems. So far they have cleared about 10 lots.

Williams said he expects they will need at least three months to cover the entire city.

"City officials want Venice cleaned up, and that's what we're doing," Williams said.

While most lots are not as overgrown as the two on Douglas Street, Williams said there are about six houses and lots in extremely bad shape.

In addition to the problems of rats and garbage, Williams said the derelict houses and tall weeds are a crime problem.

"It's a health hazard, plus somebody could get killed up in there," Williams said, referring to the overgrown house. "The buildings are not boarded up and anybody can go up there. You've got drug dealers and drug addicts going up there and smoking that stuff; they're liable to be doing some of everything, and it's a danger to the community."

After Matthews identifies problem lots, Williams writes a citation for the property owners. Then street department crews go in and clean the lots and the owners are billed.

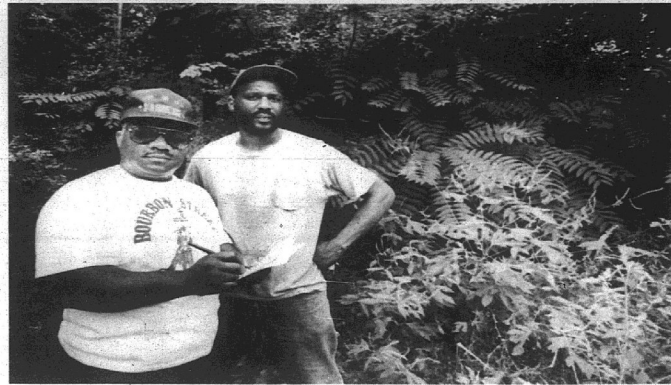
Williams said he has been going to tax records to find actual owners.

Cutting the weeds — or in more advanced cases, trees — can become expensive.

"We run an average of approximately \$200 on each lot because you're cutting the weeds down, raking the weeds out, and you have glass, bottles, paper, everything," Matthews said. "It's filthy, and we're sick of it. We want our city back, and if you're going to move out, you better take your weeds with you because nothing is going to stand any more."

"If we come back and clean our city up, people are going to start taking pride again," he said.

Williams agreed. "People can't even walk on the sidewalk, and that shouldn't be," he said. "I was born here in Venice, and this is the worst I've ever seen in my life."



Venice Health Inspector John Henry Williams and Street Superintendent Anthony Matthews in front of a weed-covered house on Douglas Street.

In many cases, Williams said one of the biggest problems is absentee landlords.

"We write them letters and don't hear from them," Williams said. "I'm going to suggest that the city put a lien against it, seize that property, and sell it."

Despite their tough stand, the

two say they are willing help senior citizens or those who are unable to clean their property.

"We are willing to work with anybody," Williams said. "We don't want to be bad guys, but after four or five years there is no excuse for this."

Williams said on one street he wrote 21 letters to residents

about weeds. Of those, 17 responded and "took care of business."

Matthews said in some cases, residents who see the city workers have come out and started fixing their own property.

"They see somebody trying to do something," he said.

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School bells are ringing or getting ready to, football's the big event on weekends, and the beaches are about to be deserted. Our good old summer's definitely winding down. But gardening activities certainly aren't.

Late summer/early fall offers plenty to do. For starters, if you missed out on one of spring's best shows a few months ago and said "wait 'til next year," it's time to act. We're talking about the gorgeous colors of spring bulbs. Now's the time to plant them. They need to establish vigorous root systems before winter, so it's best to get them into the ground as soon as possible.

Till the garden soil with peat or another soil conditioner to six inches below the bulbs' recommended depth placements. This procedure loosens soil and improves aeration, drainage and friability.

Place the holes as far apart as they are deep. For a prolonged boost, add a touch of bone meal or bulb food to each bulb hole, then plant the bulb. For first-timers and others who haven't been planting bulbs regularly, the pointed side of the bulb faces up.

Make sure the newly-planted bulbs receive about an inch of water a week. A mulched bulb bed helps prevent moisture loss and frost heaves from damaging the roots during winter.

September's usual warm afternoons, cool nights and dewy mornings provide the perfect environment for newly seeded or sodded lawns. If your lawn needs a complete renovation or just a touch-up here and there, you couldn't ask for better conditions.

Before seeding or laying sod, remove all thatch, build up and rough up the soil. Use a spreader for seeding to ensure even coverage. Tossing the seed around any old place can create a rather bizarre looking lawn.

This is also a great time for lawn fertilizing. It helps the

turf and roots spread and thicken, building up a strong root system that'll protect turf through the harsh winter months. You'll develop a great-looking lawn that'll be disease-resistant as well.

Azaleas, rhododendrons and broadleaf evergreens should be planted early this month. Rhododendrons need areas offering afternoon shade during the winter. Broadleaf evergreens have a measure of insurance against winter burn if planted on the northern side of the house, or if that's not practical, they can be protected with burlap windcreens.

If you own a backyard pool, September can be a very depressing time, unless you're not at all that fond of pool upkeep. It's getting close to that time when everything gets disconnected and the pool gets batted down for the long winter.

Late summer, before you close the pool, is a good time to give it a good once-over and check closely for leaks. Pools need not all that fond of pool upkeep. It's getting close to that time when everything gets disconnected and the pool gets batted down for the long winter.

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•Drivers

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The law specifies several dozen crimes that bar an applicant from driving a school bus, ranging from murder, kidnapping and burglary to various sexual, drug and firearm offenses.

Another 110 applicants, or about 30 percent of the total statewide, were found to have a record of arrests or convictions on offenses that do not bar them from driving school buses.

"Frankly, that surprised me," Ryan said. "I thought people with criminal records wouldn't even bother to apply now."

The less serious offenses discovered ranged from relatively minor violations such as traffic tickets to more serious crimes such as battery, burglary and theft.

In the meantime, school bus operators can use the information in making hiring decisions, he said. "In some cases,

employers are telling us that they are choosing not to hire drivers with histories of criminal or anti-social behavior."

Steve Kraus, manager of Mayflower-Laidlaw, said 26 of his new driver applicants have been fingerprinted and checked so far. "They all came back clean," he said, and 15 of them have been hired.

Kraus said he believed the new law may be discouraging potential applicants with questionable backgrounds.

"I think it will discourage people who know they have a problem, and now they're not going to be able to hide behind the wheel of a school bus. I think it's an excellent law, and it should have happened a long time ago."

Kraus said his company spends an average of about \$1,000 training each new bus driver and welcomes quality applicants. While his firm has been doing its own criminal background checks, the new state law provides for nationwide FBI checks as well.

From the Alton Telegraph with information from staff writer Bob Slate.

•Dispute

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Lee said the Mitchell district has the expertise to handle major accidents because it works on more serious accidents than any other fire department in Madison County. Covering portions of Chouteau, Edwardsville and Nameoki townships, the district has stretches of Interstates 370 and 255 and Illinois Routes 3 and 111 within its area.

Except for the interstates, the district's stretch of Route 3 is believed to carry more traffic than any other road in Madison County, officials said.

"It's sad when cities start annexing," Lee said. "They take on more property but don't increase the size of their police or fire departments. They just have to cover more territory with the same number of officers."

Both Hartford and Mitchell have volunteer fire departments.

Goode said efforts are under way to settle the intersection issue.

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An evening class will meet from 6:30 to 9:30, Monday and Wednesday, from Sept. 11 through Nov. 9. Registration for the evening class will take place starting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, in the cafeteria.

SIUE's Belck looks to future

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville has a new vision for its future as a "suburban university with urban opportunities."

SIUE President Nancy Belck announced the new vision statement Wednesday in her second fall convocation since she assumed the university's helm in January 1994.

Speaking to an audience of

about 2,500 in the Vadalabene Center, Belck invited students, faculty, staff, alumni and community residents to help shape SIUE's future.

"My goal during this academic year is to engage the entire campus and the community in implementing this vision, encouraging each person to take ownership in creating this university's future," she said.

People who attended last year's convocation were given cards and asked to share their

ideas about what SIUE ought to be. Returned cards and workshops that involved more than 100 university employees helped shape the new vision statement. It reads:

"As a premier metropolitan university, SIUE is the first choice of a diverse pool of applicants. It is an integral part of Illinois and the St. Louis metropolitan area, using its suburban location to capitalize on urban resources. The university fosters the personal growth of its students, faculty

and staff to develop academic, economic and cultural leaders. With a sense of community, pride and established traditions, it welcomes the opportunities and challenges of the future."

Belck said the university's name defines its location but does not limit its responsibilities and opportunities. This year, she said, SIUE will embark on a plan of action toward realizing the vision statement, guided by values that emerged from the workshops.

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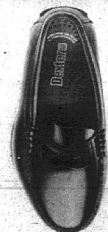
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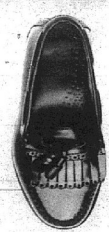
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Vans

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of trustees Thursday. The vehicles, which will cost approximately \$1.2 million, will be used in the RideFinders van pool program.

Transit District Director Jerry Kane said the district was purchasing 35 nine-passenger vans and 25 15-passenger vans from Cassens & Sons in Edwardsville.

"We believe the nine-passenger commuter van is going to be very popular in the St. Louis area," he said. "It's easier for some individuals to drive, and it's not as hard to put those groups together since there are

not as many passengers. "With the marketing that we have, the RideFinders name is becoming pretty well known in the region," he added.

The RideFinders program serves Madison, St. Clair and Monroe counties in Illinois and Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles and St. Louis counties and the city of St. Louis in Missouri.

RideFinders works by matching commuters with car pools and van pools, and also helps employers interested in developing rideshare programs.

The program is funded primarily through the Federal Highway Administration's Congestion Mitigation and Air Qual-

ity Improvement Funds, and is administered by the Madison County Transit District.

RideFinders was set up in 1994 to help reduce vehicle emissions in the area.

At present, the transit district leases vans for the program. A lease agreement for those vans was also approved at Thursday's meeting.

"There is a possibility that once we acquire these vehicles, we will cancel the lease for the other," Kane said.

However, if the program continues to expand, he said, the district would use both the leased and purchased vans.

The transit district also took

the first step toward purchasing up to 42 new large buses.

The board approved authorizing an agreement with North East Professional and Technical Services LLC, a New York-based consulting firm, to develop bid specifications and oversee construction of the buses.

Kane said approximately 23 of the buses would be used in the Collinsville area, 10 around Edwardsville, and nine more for shuttle service between Granite City and the East St. Louis Metro Link station.

"That's a very large purchase, our largest purchase for certain; it will exceed \$10 million for buses alone," Kane

said. "Therefore we need to have the expertise of a firm that is qualified to put these bid packages together, and just as importantly to supervise the construction of these vehicles."

He said it will take about six months to prepare specifications and receive bids, and another 18 months before the transit district takes possession of the vehicles.

"Once you cut the purchase order it takes 18 months because they're backlogged that much," he said. "It's been a good year for bus manufacturers."

Madison

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penalty time must be used by Sept. 30. After that date workers will be paid for unused compensatory time.

The council also approved a request for a handicapped parking zone at 1610 Fourth Street. An ordinance specifying the site will have to be approved before it becomes official.

In other business, the council referred a bid on repairs to the Alpine Village Shopping Center to the building and lands and finance committee.

The council had been seeking bids for repairs and improvements to the property. The bid referred was discussed at the last meeting, but was tabled at that time because of a misunderstanding about what was included in the bid.

Madison County Roofing & Home Improvement Company was the only bidder, at \$9,498 for the entire project.

That bid included both interior and exterior work. Much of the cost, approximately \$30,000, was for asphalt on the parking lot.

In a related matter, Family Dollar sent a letter to the city saying the company wanted to renew the lease for the location for five years.

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Obituary

Mary Enos

Mary (Stasoff) Enos, 75, of Granite City, died Sept. 2, 1995, following a long illness. She was born in 1920 in Granite City and had been a lifelong resident. Mrs. Enos was a survivor of the 1950s, including the "Bud" Barker, who was a member of the Barker-Karpis gang. She was a member of the Granite City, Illinois, of New York and Chouinard of Pasadena, California, and 18 grandchildren, grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, R. "Bud" Barker, who died in 1950; one son, R. Barker, and her daughter, Katie Stasoff. Services are at Wednesday, at 10:30 a.m. at 3850 Maryville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Shemwell officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery. Memorials are to the American Cancer

Genevieve

Genevieve M. (Nancy) Enos, 76, of Granite City, died Sept. 2, 1995, at St. Elizabeth's Center, following a long illness. She was born in 1918 in Granite City and had been a lifelong resident. An owner and operator of La Gen Beauty for 25 years prior to her death in 1976, she was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City.

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A series of training and workshops on compulsive gambling to start next month satisfied a critic of the Gaming Board's problem gambling. Board Administrator Bellini said last training sessions at various locations. The sessions will be one-day workshops for counselors who will be trained to help problem gamblers to more specialized counseling. The sessions will be by the Chicago-based Council on Compulsive Gambling and Bensinger-DuPont under a contract. Gaming Board funding of \$400,000 appropriated last year for problem gamblers. The council also has a statewide hot line service. The Bensinger-DuPont previously was awarded a contract by the Gaming Board to provide \$100,000 to provide services available to gamblers in the state. The volunteer Gamblers Anonymous in Alton, who use the name Don, contributed \$400,000 would have been spent by the Gaming Board existing ago.

Obituaries

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Memorials are requested for Holy Family Catholic Church.

Irvin Lowell
Irvin L. Lowell, 91, of Alhambra died at 12:47 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, 1995, at his residence. He was born Oct. 3, 1903, in Ink, Mo.

A clerical worker in the open heart department of Granite City Steel for 39 years prior to his retirement in 1965, he was a member of the Silver Creek Fox Hunters Club of Panama, Ill., and the United Steel Workers Union Local 16 in Granite City, where he had recently been honored as the oldest living member.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby (Williams) Lowell, whom he married Feb. 15, 1981, in Jerseyville; two sons, Donald Lowell of Greenville, and James Lowell of Collinsville; one daughter, Shirley Dittich of Granite City; two stepdaughters, Mylene Kriz of Granite City, Carol Elthington of Ava, Barbara Dailey of Florissant, Mo., and Rudene Pizzo of Greenville; one sister, Susan Urbanik; and one grandson.

Services were Tuesday at Dauderman Mortuary in Alhambra with the Rev. Mark Pittman officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for the American Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Disease Research Foundation.

Genevieve Beasley
Genevieve M. (Nemeth) Beasley, 76, of Granite City died at 10:37 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, following a four-year illness. She was born Dec. 11, 1918, in Granite City, where she had been a lifelong resident.

An owner and beautician with La Gen Beauty Salon for 37 years prior to her retirement in 1978, she was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City.

Survivors include two sons, James T. Beasley of Apopka, Fla., and Michael G. Beasley of Springfield, Ill.; one daughter, Mary M. Wilkinson of Granite City; one sister, Dora Kovacs of Columbia, Mo.; and four grandchildren.

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Jack Henderson
Jack D. Henderson, 74, of Granite City died at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, 1995, at his residence, following a nine-month illness. He was born May 28, 1921, in Warrior, Ala., and had been a resident of Granite City since 1953.

A carpenter and locksmith with the Alton Mental Health in Alton for 14 years prior to his retirement in 1981, he attended Clark Avenue Church of Christ in Granite City and was a member of Carpenters Local 833 since 1946.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie (Mitchell) Henderson, whom he married Jan. 10, 1953; one son, Jeffrey Henderson of Granite City; one daughter, Deborah Miller of Granite City; three sisters, Lurline Roper and Imogene Brown, both of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; and Patricia Hutson of Florida; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Porter "P.B." and Maude Catherine Henderson; one brother, Lacy Norris; and one sister, Jeanne Easley.

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Memorials are requested for the American Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Disease Research Foundation.

David Smith
David K. Smith, 42, of Collinsville, formerly of Granite City, died at 1:55 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1995, at his residence. He was born Oct. 25, 1952, in Granite City.

Survivors include his wife, Sylvia (Uherick) Kositzky; one daughter, Cheryl Kositzky; one son, David Kositzky; his mother, Alva (Gabrielson) Kositzky of Escanaba, Mich.; and one sister, Joan Kositzky.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Kositzky, who died in 1956.

Services were Tuesday at Werner Chapel Funeral Home in Pontoon Beach with the Rev. Mike Hopkins officiating. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis County.

Memorials to the family of David Smith are suggested.

Public Schools for 10 years prior to his retirement, she was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include two sons, James L. and Clarence D. Hutchings, both of Granite City; one daughter, Bonnie M. Hampsey of DuQuoin; two brothers, John and Pete Ruffino, both of Pinckneyville; three sisters, Marie Williams of Eureka, Mo., Angelina Ruffino of Chicago and Verna Queen of Sesser; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Pete Hutchings, who died in 1979; her parents, Daniel and Elsie (Niederbrach) Ruffino; and one granddaughter.

Mrs. Hutchings remains were cremated.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. today, Wednesday, Sept. 6, at Davis Funeral Home, 21st St. and Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City, with the Rev. Allen Reiter officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials are requested for the American Cancer Society or the Hospice of Madison County.

Harold Kositzky
Harold G. Kositzky, 61, of Granite City died at 8:21 a.m. Friday, Sept. 1, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, following a three-year illness. He was born Jan. 29, 1934, in Gladstone, Mich., and had been a resident of Granite City for 23 years.

A forklift driver with Thomas-Proetz Lumber in St. Louis for 17 years prior to his retirement in 1982, he was a member of Teamsters Local 882, an Army veteran, an avid bingo player and of the Lutheran faith.

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Memorials to the family of Harold Kositzky are suggested.

Beulah Stanton
Beulah Belle (Bart) Stanton, 83, of Granite City, formerly of Venice, died at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, 1995, at Colonnades Nursing Home, where she had been a resident since 1991. She was born Sept. 19, 1911, in Venice and had been a resident of Granite City for 16 years.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary.

Survivors include one son, Robert E. Stanton of Las Vegas, Nev.; one sister, Mildred Hoover of Granite City; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert R. Stanton, whom she married July 29, 1929, and who died Dec. 4, 1994; and her parents, Harvey and Mary (Hendricks) Barr.

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An Eagle service will be held Thursday at the funeral home.

James Tolhurst
James H. Tolhurst, 67, of Collinsville died Monday, Sept. 4, 1995, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville after a battle with cancer.

Mr. Tolhurst was owner of

Task force meets tonight
The next meeting of the Drug Task Force will be held at 6:30 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, Sept. 6, at the Granite City Elks Lodge, 4801 Maryville Road in Granite City. The final meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18.

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Stroke support group
A stroke support group, designed for both persons who have suffered a stroke and their family or caregivers, will meet at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 15th St. and Madison Ave. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, in the President's Room, located on the second floor inside Bonaventure's Cafeteria, at SEMC, 2100 Madison Ave. in Granite City.

If you cannot attend this meeting and would like information on the group and future meetings, please call SEMC's Social Work Department at 796-3018.

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Classified trivia contest winners named

Dozens of winners were selected last week from thousands of correct entries in the Colossal Classified Wizard of Oz Trivia contest.

The grand-prize winner is Lynda Rowland, of St. Peters, who will be going to Walt Disney World, courtesy of Altair Travel.

The first-prize winner was Anita Gleason, of Ballwin, who will receive a 27-inch Sony color TV from Broad Brothers.

There were 25 winners of four tickets each to the Wizard of Oz on Ice. The winners were: Dennis Dettlef, Art Jaffe, Michelle Judd, Arnie C. Diefert, Diana Dowell, James Wyas, Carol Lammers, Aletha Wich, Lori Ellebrack, Tracey Turner, Linda M. Roma, Emily Schleiss, Laurel Bush, G.N. Wyas, Chris G. Cluffa, Angela Heinkel, Virginia Hockmeyer, Maria Bon Durant, Kim Beaver, Courtney Klein, Thomas J. Hayes, Larry Novak, Kelly Roach, Mary Lannicola and Lisa Giebe.

There were 100 winners of a large pizza from Little Caesar's, including Eddie Lumpe, Mary Jones, Versie Walser, Sharon Bowsher, Martha Mehler, Samuel Billingsley, Patricia A. Aus, Douglas Reeves, Linda Lakins, Jack Downey, Vicki Rippinger, Sandra Hester, Paul Peeler, Sandra Garrett, Laverne Milberg, Angie Barr, Bobby Ceriotti, Mary M. Joy, Linda Miller, C. W. Hester, Ernest Dean Young, Karen Collins, Kim Anselmo, Karen Dubach, Marilyn Hester, Joseph Louis Ned Gorman, Becky Orzel, John Eads, Jeff D. Hayden, John Majkowski, Angela R. Downing, Sandra B. Hester, Norman Muscott, Julie McTurnan, Norman Balkin, Dory Dehne, Terry Day, Patty Semke, Joseph Louis Runitz, Conrad Poff, Stacy L. Davidson, K. McFarlin, Maria Teeples, Chrissy Umhoefer, Juanita Wilcher, Sherry Humphrey, Barb Watson, Chasley Bradbury, Claudia Spisak, Barb Magan, Ward, Becky Thompson, Naomi Lorene Runtz, Kelly Dennison, Deborah Troy, Maria Anata, Margie Wasyuka, Paula Diemann, Shirley J. Day, Joann Hyde, Harriet Filer, Ben Schaefer, William Jones, Chris Ricks, Pat Adams, Janice Nichols, Betty Montgomery, Shawn Buesch, Lesley Hester, Sherry L. Lois, Kathy Fitch, Gloria Williams, Carolyn Cox, Paul D. Horst, Laura Fulmer, Clare Chambers, Pammy Schade, Karen Kasper, Vandelle Wingo, Yvonne Melnyng, Belinda L. Leber, John Hauer, Jim Sherrills, Patricia Schettler, Roy Morisaki, Rick Branch, Gary Walker, Louise E. Grithier, Bonnie Johnson, Kelley A. Weatherby, Millie Hobbs, Tracie Devy, Virginia Hockmeyer, Melissa Hatfield, Elsie M. Smith, Chuck Miller and Linda Layton.

Survivors include his wife, Jane (McPherson) Tolhurst; one daughter, Evann Tolhurst Duplantier of New Orleans; and four grandchildren.

Visitation is from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. today, Wednesday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City, where services are at 5:30 p.m. today.

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Gamblers Anonymous official is critical of state program

A series of training sessions and workshops on assisting compulsive gamblers scheduled to start next month hasn't satisfied a critic of the Illinois Gaming Board's approach to problem gambling.

Board Administrator Mike Belletre said last week that the training sessions will be held at various locations around the state. They will range from one-day workshops to help counselors who have only occasional contact with problem gamblers to more intensive three-day programs to train specialized counselors.

The sessions will be conducted by the Chicago-based Illinois Council on Compulsive Gambling and Bensing-Dupont Associates under a contract with the Gaming Board funded through a \$400,000 appropriation the board received last year to help problem gamblers.

The council already operates a statewide hot line counseling service. The Bensing firm previously was awarded a Gaming Board contract for about \$100,000 to survey existing services available to problem gamblers in the state.

The volunteer leader of a Gamblers Anonymous chapter in Alton, who uses only the name Don, contended the \$400,000 would have been better spent by the Gaming Board to assist existing agencies like his own.

"They could have given us some help in renting space for meetings and the costs of distributing literature," he said. He also contended the most effective help for problem gamblers comes from those who have experienced the problem themselves.

"A lot of our members, including myself, went to see a psychiatrist first or talked to their ministers, but we weren't able to deal with the problem until we got into the Gamblers Anonymous program."

"We're out here helping people who have a problem now and they blew all that money on a survey," he said.

Don said the Alton Gambling Anonymous chapter has about 30 active members.

•Plant
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The Madison City Council — which may either accept or reject King's findings — will determine the city's stance on or not to give weight to any tardy comments.

Madison aldermen Ron Grzywacz and John Hamm said last week that Granite City officials should mind their own business.

"We get treated like step-children," Hamm said. He said that Madison officials have supported Granite City in its recent attempt to keep the U.S. Army's

Belletre, however, contended the appropriation to the Gaming Board was never intended to be used for direct grants to local treatment agencies.

While the original concept was to fund a statewide hot line, there were very few places to refer people to and we decided it was important to first determine the potential sources of help and how to give them more training."

Belletre said Gamblers Anonymous volunteers were welcome to participate in the training sessions. But, he added, "We don't believe the appropriation should be used for just a few organizations."

— From the Alton Telegraph

Charles Melvin Price Support Center open, in making environmental and financial concessions to Granite City Steel and in other projects that affect both cities.

"We're just asking them to listen to the facts before making a decision," Hamm said.

Grzywacz was more confrontational toward the Granite aldermen.

"I think they haven't given us a chance. They ought to wait and give us a chance. I don't stick my nose in their business and they shouldn't stick theirs in ours," Grzywacz said.

SOCCER

Shawn Petroski makes headlines in Germany.
Thursday



Art Voellinger

Memories of Mantle still sharp

While major league baseball has had its problems, it still retains the only true Fall Classic — the World Series.

And, when considering name tags, you may think of Reggie Jackson as "Mr. October," but in the eyes of many there was only one star for many years of the Series — Mickey Mantle.

After Mantle's death Aug. 13, many statistics were referred to in eulogy fashion but the most impressive to me was that he led the Yankees to 12 Series in his first 14 seasons.

NO NEED to add impressions. I only met Mantle once, at a St. Louis Baseball Writers dinner. However, I did speak with some of the Belleville area's former professional players to gain insight.

By coincidence, the order of my contact followed Mantle's career and came from Bill McFarland, Bob O'Neal, Bud Zippel, Nelson Mathews and Larry Stahl.

Said McFarland: "I was playing in the Yankees organization at Joplin, Mo., in 1948, and the scout (Tom Greenwade) who eventually signed Mantle brought Mickey in for a three-day workout."

"He (Greenwade) told me to keep an eye on the kid. Even then Mickey looked like a good athlete. After he put the uniform on, he bulged."

"Mickey's dad was there and sat down the first base line. They let the kid do whatever he wanted, even though it was just the summer before his senior year in high school."

"WE WERE in the KOM (Kansas-Oklahoma-Missouri) League, and I believe Danny Menendez (East St. Louis native) was the general manager at Independence, Mo., for the Yankees and came over to watch Mantle."

"Mickey had an Oklahoma drawl and was very nice. He treated Greenwade like a Dad."

Said O'Neal: "Greenwade also signed me, and I was on the Yankees' 40-man roster in spring training in Phoenix (Ariz.) when Mantle was a rookie."

"I remember being in the bullpen working with (Coach) Bill Dickey and other catchers when Dickey said, 'Hold on for a minute, fellas.'"

"That's when everything in training camp stopped because Mantle was at bat and would get five swings from the left side and five from the right. He could hit the cover off the ball."

SAID ZIPPEL: "I had signed a major league contract in 1956. That meant I had to go to spring training with the Yankees in '57, and here I was in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., with Mantle, who was a fabulous player and could do it all."

"Pungo hitting was a bigger deal then, and the Yankees had a coach named Randy Gumpert, who hit ball after ball to the outfielders. One day I asked him if Mantle was the best he had hit to, and he said: 'Nah, Joe Dimaggio.'"

Mantle was the player who replaced DIMAGGIO and Mathews recalled playing against the Yankees in Kansas City in 1964 and '65.

"MANTLE WOULD HIT the ball all over the place in batting practice, and then in a game he and the other great hitters they had really gave me a workout in center field," Mathews said.

Said Stahl, who also was with the A's in '64 and '65: "Mantle was an all-around great player."

"In one game (in '64) he hit a ball over the fence and into a hillside where (A's owner Charles) Finley had sheep grazing. It must have gone over 450 feet."

OVERTIME: Persons interested in attending the Mon-Clair Baseball League awards banquet Saturday, Oct. 14 at the St. Louis Marriott VFW are urged to make reservations by phoning Syl "Tuffy" Mueh at 476-1861.

In addition to league awards, the M-C will induct Al "Boots" Budde, Morris Frank and Pete Muskopf into its Hall of Fame.

Warriors: Good runners, small team

No freshmen this year troubles coach



Warrior senior Nicole Done will anchor the Lady team this year.

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Granite City cross country coach Dave McClain is concerned about the future of the Warrior program. But he also is happy with the runners he has on this year's team.

Once again, the numbers out for cross country are low. A total of 12 boys and about seven girls are competing for spots on the teams. But what really worries McClain is the number of freshmen out for the team: zero.

"The fact that there's no freshmen on the team is troubling," he said. "We realize that we are competing with soccer and football, two sports that get a lot of freshmen turnout, and volleyball and tennis on the girls side. But we

know that there has to be some athletes out there that like to run."

"If you do like to run, then this is your sport. We have a lot of fun."

McClain said there is little more he can do to recruit runners, unless it's going down the halls and grabbing athletes out of the hallways.

Certainly, a lot of fun was had this past weekend at the 16th Granite City Invitational meet, which was held Saturday at the high school. Runners from 24 teams were on hand for the event, which is considered a good early-season test for runners.

It is the 11th year of the Invitational at the current high school. The race originally was the brainchild of Pete Robinson, former track coach at GCHS

and the old North High School. Robinson started the race at North.

The meet still involves a lot of work, as a lot of schools with a lot of kids were on hand Saturday morning. Four different races were to have been run, with girls varsity, boys varsity, fresh-soph boys and open.

Anyone who does not run in the first three races can run in the open division.

Early Saturday was to have been spent closing off the streets and marking the course, which is three miles for



McClain

Golf contest to benefit Children's Hospital

By Scott Marlon
Staff writer

It's not too late to sign up for the Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital Columbia Golf Tournament as a player or a hole sponsor.

The 12th annual tournament, which raises money for the children's hospital in St. Louis, will be held Friday at Columbia Golf Club. Registration is at 9 a.m., with a putting contest at 9:30 and lunch at 10. The tournament begins with a shotgun start at 11 a.m.

"My involvement with Cardinal Glennon began about four years ago, when I was with Magna Bank," said tournament co-chairman Dan Jasper, a vice president for First Bank Inc. "I was raised in the Catholic community all my life and the Columbia tournament is one of the earlier functions (the hospital's) development board has worked on."

"It's an interesting event. The challenge is to make people believe that not only the hospital benefits from it, but the children (in the Metro East). Twenty-five to 35 percent of Cardinal Glennon's



patients are from Illinois."

Team (\$825) and individual (\$275) entries are available, as are hole sponsorships at \$750. "Involvement from Illinois businesses has been going well, but it's still not where we'd like it to be," Jasper said. "About one-third of our hole sponsors are from Illinois."

"We still need two or three hole sponsors and we have room for eight or 10 three-person teams. We welcome any and all, from hackers to talented players."

The registration fee includes a players party 5 p.m., as well as the opportunity to win numerous prizes. For more information, call Columbia Golf Club at 286-9553.

Coach Baker has most U.S. high school victories

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Granite City soccer coach Gene Baker has still another distinction to his credit.

When it comes to coaching soccer, nobody has had as much success in the history of high school sports in the United States. When Baker's records for boys and girls soccer are combined, he has posted more victories in history than any other coach.

Baker had recorded 506 wins on the boys' side before this season began, and another 121 wins on the girls' side. That gives him a record 626 victories.

Actually, that number had increased to 629 as of Friday. Going into Saturday's contest with Vianney, Baker's overall coaching record was 629-141-47. He is 508-107-36 lifetime as boys coach (28 years), and 121-34-11 as girls coach (8 years).

BAKER IS AHEAD of two other great coaches from the St. Louis area, and both happen to be friends of his. Ebbie Dunn, the now-retired coach of St. Louis University High, finished his career with 592 wins, all for the boys' team. He is the all-time leader in boys' victories.

Bob Horgan, who coached at St. Louis CBA and Afton high schools, is third on the list with 571 wins, all for coaching boys teams as well. Horgan, who is also now retired, is second on that list.

When Baker talked about the honor, he was his typical modest self.

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'Night of Champions' race comes to Tri-City Speedway

By Steve Birmingham
Correspondent

The 1995 Clark Racing Series points chases have tightened up, and several will be decided Sept. 9 when Tri-City Speedway presents the "Night of Champions."

Wayne Sternbergh has come on strong in the SKOAL Racing Sprint Cars, scoring in two of the last three main events and narrowing the points gap to a mere 85 points.

THIRD-PLACE DRIVER Dean Adams trails Sternbergh by only 160 points — exactly what he would earn with a feature win on Saturday night.

Dennis Wernle has led the Tri-City Street Stock races the entire season without the benefit

of even a single win.

Challenger Dan Pilkington has won eight features this season — the last six in succession — and still trails Wernle, but only by 150 points. Jack Jones follows in third place only 75 points behind Pilkington.

THE SEETS BROTHERS, Tom and John, have engaged in a season-long battle for total feature wins in the Budweiser Grand American Modifieds. Tom Seets holds an advantage over John, but the two will be battling tooth and nail Saturday

as the two battle for short-track supremacy.

Pat Ryan, the 1994 co-champion, looks to be on his way to a solo championship in the Red Dog Pro Stocks.

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Warriors' McMillan a great setter, team player and all-over athlete

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Lady Warriors passed their first test with flying colors.

Granite City, using a 5-1 offense for the first time, overcame some first-match jitters and put away Civic Memorial 15-10, 15-12 Thursday to start their fifth season under Cindy Gageich on high note.

With five hitters and basically one setter, that puts a lot of responsibility on that setter, a.k.a. Denise McMillan.

But that's not going to be a problem. There may be no one better for that role than McMillan, a 16-year-old senior.

"Denise just has an outstanding head on her shoulders," said Gageich. "She's No. 1 in her class, and she's a super athlete to go with it."

"She has great court sense, and knows her hitters well. She anticipates their every move, and she has the timing down. I just can't say enough about what she adds to this team."

LAST YEAR, with a different type of offense, McMillan saw plenty of action as a setter. Then, this past summer, she attended the setters' camp at Illinois State University, and was voted the most consistent setter by the coaches there.

"I was pretty happy about that," she said. "I've been working on my setting, and there were a lot of good setters at that camp."

"I'm comfortable with the 5-1 offense."

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Senior running back Billy Niepert is tripped from behind during a recent scrimmage. Against the Panthers last Friday, he carried 13 times for 79 yards.

he saw Smith's kick bounce high on its way to Bonner, in the back of his mind he was worried.

"A lot of times when you see the kick bounce, you think 'That's great,' but then you realize that many times those are the kicks that are returned for big yardage."

"It seems like when it bounces like that, it throws some guys off. Some guys start going for the ball, and they leave their lanes. It creates creases, and that spells trouble."

Smith, only a sophomore, had a big night for Granite City. He

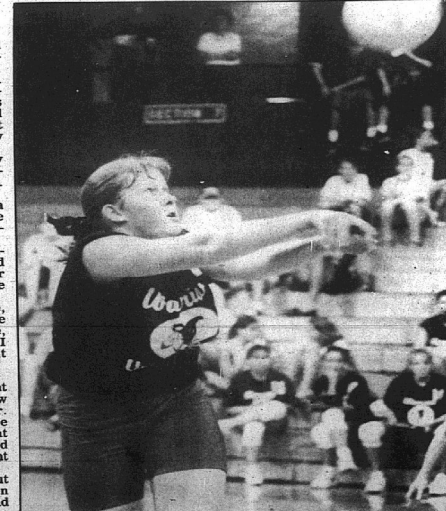
scored all 10 of the Warrior points: catching the TD pass, kicking the extra point and adding a 47-yard field goal.

"That field goal was a big lift," said Harris. "He's hit them from over 50 yards in practice. He's going to be a big-time kicker for us."

"Plus, he made a great catch in the end zone. He's just a good athlete."

Also, it appears that the Warrior running game may be taking shape. Bill Niepert had a consistent running game, carrying 13 times for 79 yards. And

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Denise McMillan is a leader on and off the court for Granite City.

SPORTS

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the boys and 2.5 miles for the girls.

Due to the early deadlines this past weekend, results from the Invitational were not known at press time.

But McClain, who like the Invitational is in his 11th season of coaching cross country, has an eager group. They have survived the heat of practice over the last three weeks and should be in good shape to compete.

The Warriors would like to better the girls showing of a year ago. The Lady Warriors advanced as a team out of the regionals last year, and to do the same this year would be extra nice.

The leader of last year's group is back. Nicole Done, now a senior, will anchor the girls team this fall. Also returning are seniors Jessica Stegelmeier and Ginger Gerstner; as well as juniors Heather Mell, Connie Meyers and Kristen Knox.

That's a good nucleus for a team, but unfortunately that is the team, at least on the girls' side.

Returning on the boys' team will be seniors Jason Anderson, Jason Peeler, Chris Mangiaracino and Larry Wiegand.

A nice group of underclassmen are also out for the boys team. They include juniors Robert Lampitt, David Thompson and Kelly Huckleberry; and sophomores Eddie Connolly, Jason Koenig, Brian Hopkins and Bobby Pritchard.

For his initial team of seven, McClain, who is assisted by Tom Hasner, was leaning towards using his four seniors; along with Lampitt, Wiegand and Connolly.

"We're a little lean this year, but these are all good kids, who enjoy the sport. It will be a building year, but we'll give it our best shot; and most of all we'll have some fun."

"It's important that the kids improve each time out. Although the conference meet and the Madison County meet are both important, the bulk of the season is spent preparing for the regionals."

Sports shorts

Potato Classic set
The 10th Annual Potato Classic Golf Tournament will be held at the Oakbrook Golf Course in Edwardsville on Sept. 10.

It will be a four-person scramble event. The entry fee is a bag of non-perishable groceries and \$15. The groceries and money are to be brought to Madison Amvets, 1711 Kennedy Drive in Madison by Sept. 4. Over the years, the groceries have been donated to the Protestant Relief Organization, Catholic Charities and the Phoenix Crisis Center.

During the tournament, golfers will be vying for a new car for a hole-in-one, a car for any person scoring an albatross, cash awards and much more. After the tournament, golfers will enjoy an Italian dinner with all the trimmings. Awards will be presented, including the now infamous "Potato Trophies." Attendance prizes will also be awarded.

All golfers are also encouraged to enter the Potato Beauty Contest for a chance to win \$300. Anyone who is an Amvets, veteran or knows a veteran may enter the tournament. For more information, call the Madison Amvets at 876-9231 or Joe Papa at 931-0405.

Legacy 4-man scramble
The Fourth Annual Legacy 4-man Scramble Club Championship will be held Sunday, Sept. 24 at the Legacy Golf Course on Cargill Road in Granite City.

The cost of the tourney is \$220 per team, and that includes 18 holes of golf with cart, Italian beef dinner, prize money and skins. Money prizes will be awarded for first through fourth place, as well as closest to the pin prizes on holes No. 8 and 15. Tee times start at 9:30 a.m. The deadline for registration is Sept. 21. For more information, call the Legacy at 931-4653.

Legacy Women's tourney
The Legacy Golf Course is presenting the Third Annual Ladies Classic Golf Tourney, to be held Sunday, Sept. 17 at the Golf Club.

The tourney will be a 4-person scramble event, flighted according to the number of teams that participate. The cost of entering the tourney is \$50 per person, and that amount includes 18 holes of golf with cart, dinner and prizes.

Tee times start at 11 a.m., and entries are due no later than Sept. 13. For more information, call the Legacy at 931-4653.

QCSA 30-over league
The Quad Cities Soccer Association is announcing the formation of a men's 30-and-over league for the second straight year, which will start in September.

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Interested parties are asked to call 876-9000 or Vince Sigite at 797-1343 for more information concerning the league. The league was quite popular last year, so parties are encouraged to register soon.

MCGSA looking for players
The Madison County Girls Soccer Association is looking for interested girls to play in the fall league this year. The season begins on Sept. 5.

The teams range from age 5 to 12-and-under. Several of the teams in the association are looking for players. Players who wish to tryout for any of the teams should get a copy of their birth certificate.

For more information, call 876-7480.

Rattlers 14-and-under tryouts

The 14-and-under St. Louis Rattlers girls fast-pitch softball team will be holding tryouts for the 1996 season on Sept. 9.

The tryouts are for girls born after Aug. 31, 1981. For information, call Kirk at 314-838-1989 or Ron at 314-838-0879.

•Baker

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"When they added all of the numbers up, I, fortunately I guess, was on top," he said. "That's a lot of soccer games."

Heading the list of girls' victories is Tim Storch, a coach from Troy, Ala., Mich. He has posted 242 wins on the girls' side, and 478 overall.

ON FRIDAY, Baker was more concerned with the Warriors' game Saturday at Vianney.

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Juanell Goodwin, after a sluggish first half, ended up with 50 yards on 18 carries.

Harris said the Warrior offensive line deserved the credit for the improved running game.

"Nispet picked it up a little I think, and the line did a good job of moving their men off the line. Certainly, we did a better

job of it than we did last week (against Cahokia).

"We tried to mix in a few passes here and there. What we need to work on is making the big plays, like O'Fallon did so well. But we moved the ball well."

"We watched film of Granite City during the week, and we noticed both of their lines played well against Cahokia."

said O'Fallon coach Gary Briddell. "Their offensive line did a great job for them tonight as well. They're going to win some ball games."

"The kids played hard. In fact, they played their hearts out for the second week in a row," Harris said. "They're going to do that every week. There's no questioning their character."

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•McMillan

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think it can work pretty well for us. We have the hitters to do it. I think it's going to be neat this year."

The Lady Warriors were to face Highland on Friday, and will play at Edwardsville tonight (Wednesday). But it was certainly a good start for Granite City Thursday, although the team didn't run too many new plays.

"WE STILL WANT more variety," Gagich said, "but (Thursday) we just ran more standard plays. With the first game of the season, you don't want to try to do too much."

"We didn't do that many new things,"

McMillan said. "We started slowly, and I think we all had the jitters. But we played well at the net after a while."

McMillan, who also plays basketball and soccer at GCHS, is already thinking about college. But she has yet to decide if she will play basketball or volleyball at the next level.

SHE HAS ALREADY been contacted by some schools, including Iowa State. McMillan, the daughter of Marilyn and Charles McMillan of Granite City, plans to study chemical engineering at college. No doubt there will be plenty of takers for a student-athlete of her caliber.

But there is plenty of time to think about that. What's on McMillan's mind now is the

volleyball season, and the Southwestern Conference schedule.

"We would like to at least match our third-place finish of last year," she said. "I think we can challenge for the title; we have the personnel. But there are a lot of good teams in the conference. I think Belleville East has all of their hitters back."

"We were disappointed last year when we didn't advance past the regionals. Making it to the sectionals is another goal for us this year. But we'll take things one step at a time."

"Denise is so intelligent, and so capable," said Gagich. "I can't think of anyone I'd rather have running our offense this year."

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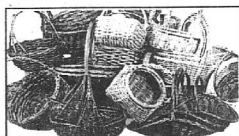
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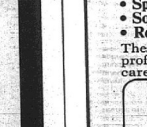
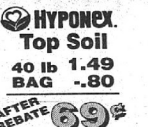
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Competitors — Ed True of O'Fallon, left, and Rod Langston of Mascoutah battle it out in a track event.

Senior Games an SIUE feature since 1979

Since 1979 the Southwestern Illinois Regional Senior Olympics have been held annually on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (SIUE).

These games were the first regional Senior Olympics established in the state of Illinois. For a short period of time the regional games also served as a qualifying site for senior

olympians to qualify to advance to the United States National Senior Games.

Currently, there is now only one qualifying site per state and in Illinois those games are held in Springfield.

Historically held in May, the games were moved to September in 1994 in order to make better use of SIUE students, staff and facilities.

The track and field events are coordinated by the SIUE track coach who relies, for the most part, on SIUE student athletes to run the track events. Other SIUE athletic faculty and staff assist in running many of the events. The implementation of the semester schedule at SIUE makes it nearly impossible to run this event in May.

The selection of events has been revised over the years as recreation games have been discontinued and some athletic events added.

This year there will be no bike races or dancing competitions. These events were dropped because of the small number of participants that signed up over the past two years. Volleyball was added in 1993, but the future of this event is also doubtful because of low turnout.

Events will be held at Tamarack Golf Course, O'Fallon; Kettle River Racquet Club, Glen Carbon; Belleville Area College, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Edwardsville YMCA, and The Ball Park Sports Center, O'Fallon. An informal

dinner dance will be hosted by Eden Village Apartment Community, Glen Carbon.

Senior Olympics is sponsored through Southwestern Illinois Regional Senior Olympics, Inc., a non-profit corporation founded in 1981. The primary sponsor for this year is Unity Health Network, with Missouri affiliates St. Anthony's Medical Center, St. John's Mercy Medical Center, St. John's Mercy Hospital, Washington, St. Luke's Health Corp., and Illinois affiliates Saint Anthony's Health Center, Alton; St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City; St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville.

Additional support has been provided by Senior Olympic participants, as well as numerous community, corporate and individual sponsors. This event would not be possible without the assistance from all sponsors.

The Southwestern Illinois region encompasses Madison, St. Clair, Monroe, Bond, Clinton, Randolph, Washington, Calhoun, Greene, Macoupin, Montgomery and Jersey Counties.

Crazy to compete when you're 55? Absolutely not!

By Bob Hyten Jr.

When I told people I was looking forward to my 55th birthday, they thought I was crazy. My running friends knew what I was talking about, though.

Every five years you are at the bottom of an age group, with new chances to win races. More importantly, at 55, the door is open, for the first time, to Senior Olympics competitions.

I had been a part of Senior Olympics since 1981 when I became director of the track and field portion of the St. Louis JCCA Senior Olympics. I loved every minute of it because the many volunteers took such joy in being able to help.

Still, I couldn't wait 'til I, too, could compete, because it seemed the athletes were having even more fun than the volunteers.

The 1994 Southwestern Illinois Regional Senior Olympics, which are sponsored in part by the BANK of Edwardsville, was my first chance to compete. I was soundly beaten in the 100 and 200 meter dashes but exhilarated to win the 800 meter in a record time. I was surprised also to win the basketball free-throw contest. Best of all, I made a couple of new friends, including one of my dad's old friends.

Since then, I've run five more meets with victories in each of the 800 and 1,500 meter runs for which I train. I've been in and out of the medals on the basketball court and even tried soccer.

The biggest surprises were two medals in swimming, even though I finished last.

Win or lose, it's great to compete. As a senior, everyone seems to share in the triumph of simply competing. Virtually no one puts winning ahead of competing. Of course, you can't know that unless you get out there and give it a try.

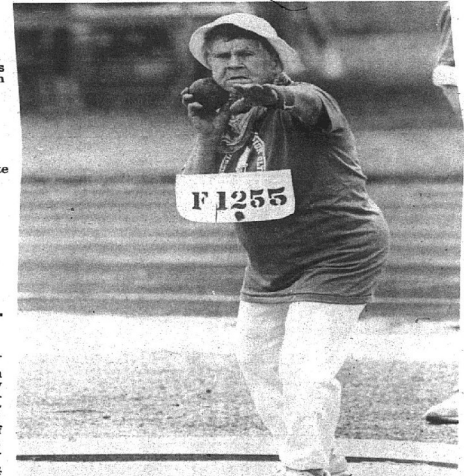
Whatever sport you like, the Senior Olympics probably has it. Every meet has a champion that had never competed before. It may be you.

I can tell you from experience that there are medals sometimes available just for showing up. There are more people in their 60s in the Senior Olympics than there are in their 50s. Whatever your level of ability (and even if you just volunteer to help out) you'll take home a T-shirt and lots of new friendships.

The next opportunity to compete in the Southwestern Illinois Regional Senior Olympics is Sept. 7-10. Come and see what you are missing.

For more information, please contact the Office of Continuing Education, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, 692-3210.

— A resident of Edwardsville, Bob Hyten, 56, competed in the Senior Olympics for the first time last year.



Determination — Mitzi Probst of Staunton prepares to throw the shot put at last year's Senior Olympics.



A ringer — Ed Fresen of Glen Carbon pitches horseshoes.

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Running to win — Eugenia Zacny of St. Louis, left, and Mary Rose Daughton of Springfield compete in a race.

Schedule of events

The 1995 Southwestern Illinois Regional Senior Olympics Schedule of Events: Basketball free-throw: Vadalabene Center, SIUE, Friday, Sept. 8, 10:30 a.m.
Billiards: University Center, SIUE, Saturday, Sept. 9, 1 p.m.
Bowling: University Center, SIUE, Friday, Sept. 8, 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 9, 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Casting: SIUE Track and Field Stadium, Sunday, Sept. 10, 9 a.m.
Dinner Dance: Eden Village Apartment Community, 400 South Station Road, Glen Carbon, Friday, Sept. 8, 4:30 p.m.
Golf — 18 holes: Tamarack Golf Course, 800 Tamarack

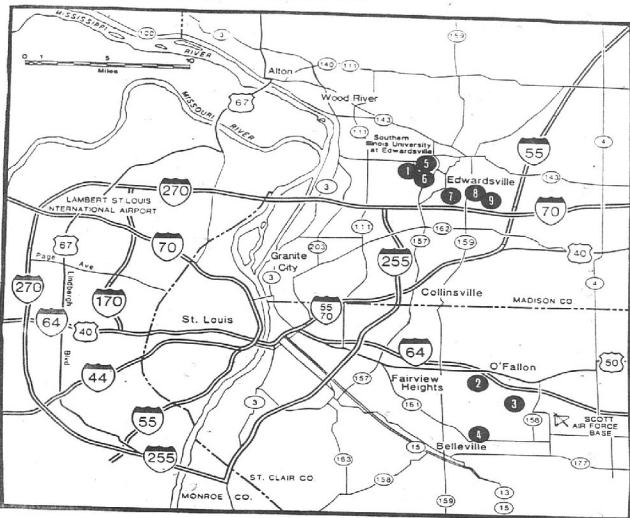
Lane, O'Fallon, Thursday, Sept. 7, 8 a.m. and 12 noon.
Golf Putting: Vadalabene Center, SIUE, Friday, Sept. 8, 9 a.m.
Horseshoes: Vadalabene Center south lawn, SIUE, Friday, Sept. 8, 9 a.m.
Softball Accuracy Throw: SIUE Track and Field Stadium, Sunday, Sept. 10, 12 noon.
Softball Tournament: The Ball Park Sports Center, 590 Hartman Lane, O'Fallon, Saturday, Sept. 9, 3 p.m.
Swimming: Edwardsville YMCA, 1200 Esic Drive, Edwardsville, Saturday, Sept. 9, 1 p.m.
Table Tennis Singles: University Center, SIUE, Saturday,

Sept. 9, 10 a.m.
Tennis Doubles: Kettle River Racquet Club, 2428 Hwy 159 South, Glen Carbon, Friday, Sept. 8, 11 a.m.
Tennis Mixed Doubles: Kettle River Racquet Club, 2428 Hwy 159 South, Glen Carbon, Friday, Sept. 8, 1 p.m.
Tennis Singles: Kettle River Racquet Club, 2428 Hwy 159 South, Glen Carbon, Saturday, Sept. 9, at 9 a.m.

Track & Field Events: SIUE Track and Field Stadium, Sunday, Sept. 10, 8 a.m.
Volleyball Tournament: Belleville Area College, 2500 Carlyle Road, Belleville, Friday, Sept. 8, 9 a.m.



Strong finish — Paul Saunders of St. Louis gives his all in a sprint.



- 1 Track & Field Stadium, SIUE
- 2 The Ball Park Sports Center
- 3 Tamarack Golf Course
- 4 Belleville Area College
- 5 Vadalabene Center, SIUE
- 6 University Center, SIUE
- 7 YMCA of Edwardsville
- 8 Kettle River Racquet Club
- 9 Eden Village Apartment Community

Directions to events

Track and Field Stadium: Bluff Road, SIUE, Edwardsville. Track and Field Events, Sunday, Sept. 10 — 8 a.m.
The Ball Park Sports Center: 590 Hartman Lane, O'Fallon. Softball tournament, Saturday, Sept. 9 — 3 p.m. 1-64 to O'Fallon exit (Hwy. 50). West on Rt. 50 to first stoplight (Hartman on corner). Turn south onto Hartmann Lane; look for signs.
Tamarack Golf Course: 800 Tamarack Lane, Shiloh. Golf, Thursday, Sept. 7 — 8 a.m. and 12 noon. 1-64 to O'Fallon exit 14. Go east on Hwy. 50 for 2 miles; at first four way stoplight turn right onto South Lincoln. (Sign will say to Shiloh.) Go 1-2 miles (crossing over I-64) to Tamarack Country Club sign.
Belleville Area College: 2500 Carlyle Avenue, Belleville. Friday, Sept. 8, at 9 a.m. Take I-64 to

Illinois 158; south on 158 to Illinois 161; west on 161 to Greenmount Road, south on Greenmount Road; BAC on east side of highway.
Vadalabene Center: South Circle Drive, SIUE, Edwardsville. Southwest grounds, horseshoes, gym, basketball free-throw and golf putting, Friday, Sept. 8, at 9 a.m.; 3-on-3 half-court basketball, Saturday, Sept. 9, at 9 a.m.
University Center: South Circle Drive, SIUE, Edwardsville. Bowling, Friday, Sept. 8, 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; billiards and table tennis, Saturday, Sept. 9, starting at 9:30 a.m.
YMCA of Edwardsville: 1200 Esic Drive, Edwardsville. Swimming, Saturday, Sept. 9, 1 p.m. Illinois 157 north about four miles from the intersection of Illinois 157 and I-270. Turn right on University Drive at Home Nursery. At first stop

sign, turn left onto Esic Drive, go two blocks. YMCA is on the right side of the street.
Kettle River Racquet Club: Illinois 159 south, Edwardsville. Tennis, Friday, Sept. 8, 11 a.m. and Saturday, Sept. 9, at 9 a.m.
Eden Village Apartment Community: 400 South Station Road, Glen Carbon. Illinois 159 to 4-way stop light at Cottonwood Road, turn east onto Cottonwood Road; turn right at the first stop sign onto Village Drive; turn onto South Station Road, Eden Village is on the right.

Games are special for one family

What do a wedding anniversary and the Southwestern Illinois Regional Senior Olympics have in common? Something very special if you are Dr. Frank and Charmaine Sobkowski of Edwardsville.

The Sobkowskis' children, Tracey, Laurie, Todd and Jason, have made a special gift donation to local Senior Olympics in honor of their parents' 40th wedding anniversary in July. The Sobkowskis' enthusiastic participation in Senior Olympics made the gift choice easy. Charmaine was a high school

athlete and a long time Little League coach for her children's soccer and softball teams. When Senior Olympics came to the Metro East, she volunteered in support of the games.

Senior Olympics provides an opportunity for active adults 50 and older to compete in a wide variety of sports. When she became eligible, Charmaine began to participate. Over the years she has won medals in numerous sports including discus, javelin throw, shot put, high jump, long jump, softball, table tennis, horseshoes and running events. She has won gold medals and set

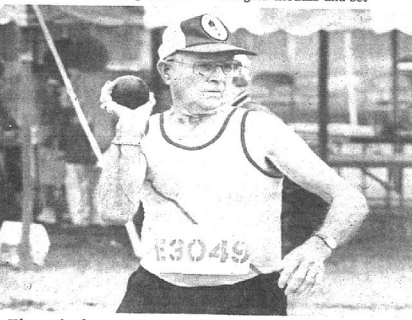
records at both the Southwestern Illinois Regional Senior Olympics and the National Senior Olympics.

In 1983, she set the national record, 85 feet, 6 inches in the discus. In July, Charmaine represented the United States in the XI World Veterans Athletic Championship in Buffalo, N.Y., an event with athletes from 78 countries around the world. She placed seventh in a field of 29 international world-class athletes in the discus throw. Frank, an area orthodontist and the first dean of the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine, also is an active amateur athlete. He competes in the Southwestern Illinois Regional Senior Olympics 5K and 10K races, and remembers the 1994 St. Louis Marathon as a highlight of his running career.

Although he suffered a stress fracture in his foot during the race, he pushed on and was greeted by his family as he crossed the finish line five hours later.

In addition to competing in the Senior Olympics, the Sobkowskis are committed volunteers with the local non-profit Senior Olympics organization that sponsors the annual event in the Metro East. Frank edits the group's newsletter, helping keep area seniors informed about the event. Charmaine serves on the steering committee and the board, volunteering many hours in the guidance and planning of each year's games.

The Sobkowskis will be competing Sept. 7-10 in the 17th annual Southwestern Illinois Regional Senior Olympics; their four children will be there to cheer them on.



The windup — Robert Stahlhut of Columbia, Mo., is ready to compete in the shot put event.

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The Southwestern Illinois Regional Senior Olympics committee listed the following sponsors:

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Horoscope

Wednesday
Innovation rules the Aquarius man of a rut. For good, a new direction, well-reasoned clear. You sense and make a splash with the activating Jupiter morning. Friend sparks romantic spur-of-the-moment before noon. W. pals.
ARIES (Mar.)
You're first out gate in a competition. Take charge — prospective a to join a winning comes through h to school or help a youngster.
TAURUS (Apr.)
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GEMINI (May)
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Horoscope

Wednesday, Sept. 6
Innovation rules the day under the Aquarius moon — blast out of a rut. For change to succeed, a new direction must be well-reasoned and crystal-clear. You sense other's needs, and make a successful sales pitch with the moon (feelings) activating Jupiter (luck) in the morning. Friendly persuasion sparks romantic plans or a spur-of-the-moment getaway before noon. Write or phone pals.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You're first out of the starting gate in a competitive job or game. Take charge, and win — prospective allies are eager to join a winning team. Luck comes through kids — you can help a youngster.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
A brilliant idea sends you back to school or abroad for business or commerce. A cash boon comes through returning to school or gaining hands-on skills. A date's motives are questionable — don't commit yet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
A money-making brainstorm coalesces into a workable plan. Act quickly to gain the edge. Hiring a sharp assistant helps you stay at head of



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CANCER (June 22-July 22)
A too-intense date puts you off. You crave light, unencumbered romance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
A romantic myth holds irresistible allure, but make no commitments to a dreamy new love. Time separates fable from fact. Legal matters are bogged down in a perplexing maze — clarity returns when you seek outside advice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Sweethearts crave a romantic place to play — arrange a steamy getaway, such as a night at a cozy bed-and-breakfast inn. Intimidation tactics won't work with a government

bureaucrat. A friend is available to help.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 6)
Gear up for a progressive year. Heed financial lessons from the past. From January through May, speculative ventures rake in cash. Family contacts bring you closer to your long-term goals. A light romance in September warms hearts for sexy trysts near the year's end — marriage vows are taken by March. A romantic trip sparkles in March. Your lucky numbers are 1 and 17.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Your social profile dovetails with your expanding career or business needs. Advance your professional aims — the public goes along with your schemes. A thrilling new love is linked with your family desires.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
A VP or mentor helps you fulfill professional aims — heed his or her sensible advice. Your eager compliance encourages solid backing from a powerful individual or group. Love relations need a scenery change. Take a short trip.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
See and be seen with the up-and-coming crowd. Carefully selecting your friends makes good financial sense. Avoid animosity at home — a terse remark to a mate triggers an over-dramatic response.

honey's special needs. A windfall comes when you are able to settle a family issue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Rally a co-worker's support. Your competition stiffens — luck comes through alliances you build now. High-rolling friends issue social invitations. Quell your nervousness about an investment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
See and be seen with the up-and-coming crowd. Carefully selecting your friends makes good financial sense. Avoid animosity at home — a terse remark to a mate triggers an over-dramatic response.

St. Louis Orchestra will hold auditions

The St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra will hold auditions for strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion on Wednesday, Sept. 20, for the 1995-96 season.

Interested musicians should call Ingrid at (314) 725-0372 to set up an audition time or for more information.

The St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra was established in 1880 and is one of the finest civic orchestras in the United States.

The group rehearses weekly on Wednesday evenings and performs a five-concert series at the St. Louis Symphony Community Music School, 560 Trinity in University City, Mo. Members volunteer their services to the orchestra.

Auditions will be heard by a committee from the orchestra. Auditions are by appointment only.

'Beyond Rangoon' is a great achievement
From the beginning of his 30-year career, John Boorman has proved an uncompromising director. Forget his one misstep, the abysmal "Exorcist II: The Heretic." The rest of his work has been marked by a gravity of purpose and visual brilliance.

"Point Blank," "Hell in the Pacific," "Excalibur," "The Emerald Forest," "Hope and Glory" and his masterpiece "Deliverance" bore the individual stamp of a dedicated filmmaker. Always, he seemed to ignore the fads and fashions of the movie world.

Boorman confronts another challenging project in "Beyond Rangoon." It is his most accomplished and fully realized work.

An American doctor, Patricia Arquette, is touring Asia with her sister, Frances McDormand, who has urged her to travel following a terrible family tragedy. They land in 1988 Burma, following the officious tour leader, Spalding Gray.

Arquette remains traumatized by the loss of her husband and son. She is roused when she leaves the hotel to follow the sound of a nighttime political rally. She finds a crowd held in awe by the charismatic leader, Aung San Sun Kyi, who defies the guns of the military dictatorship and addresses her followers.

(Held under house arrest beginning in 1989, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991.)

Having lost her passport, Arquette must stay behind while the tour moves on. She encounters a tour guide, U Aung Ko, a

former professor who has been banished from his country because of his democratic views. With grave misgivings about her safety, he leads her to his former students, who are zealous in opposition to the repressive government.

Arquette becomes committed to their cause. She and U Aung Ko and the young rebels embark on an escape to Thailand. Danger is everywhere as the army troops follow them through the lush Burmese countryside. It is a heroic trek, full of tension and excitement.

Boorman's gifted visual sense contrasts the intense beauty of the country with the brutality of the soldiers. Some of the action is hard to watch, especially the massacre of civilians in Rangoon. But the overall effect is compelling.

U Aung Ko deserves special praise as the professor whose teachings go beyond the classroom. Amazingly, he had never acted before.

The Columbia release was produced in Myanmar by Barry Spinks and Eric Pleskow. The original screenplay was written by Bill Rubenstein, Alex Lasker and Boorman. It is rated R for violence, including pointblank killings.

— Associated Press

'Lord of Illusions:' Why was this film made?

The most frightening thing about "Lord of Illusions" is that someone actually spent millions of dollars to make it into a movie. The best horror films have characters you care about, scripts worth following over the din, and genuine suspense rather than just sadism.

Unfortunately, "Lord of Illusions," written and directed by gore-maniac Clive Barker from his 1985 novel, has almost none of these elements.

About 20 minutes into the movie, a man jumps out of the shadows at private investigator Harry D'Amour (Scott Bakula). It's one of those moments that will make audiences jump in their seats, even horror veterans who suspect a shock is coming.

But that's it. A potentially creepy premise involving a maniacal California cult leader with real magical powers quickly degenerates into a shoddy excuse for a series of crudely strung-together grotesqueries. An iron torture mask is screwed into a man's face, and a dozen knives plunged into a wincing head. People are mutilated with glass. A man jabs a stiletto into a cheek and threatens to pull it up to the whimpering victim's eyes.

After a while, you begin to wonder if Barker isn't just a clueless fellow who doesn't know how to do anything else but ladle on bigger and bigger dollops of sadistic effects.

The movie opens in a dilapidated Mojave Desert house littered with decapitated serpents, garbage and wild-eyed disciples. After shooting the cult's loony leader Nix (Daniel Von Bargen), they bury him deep in the ground to nullify his demonic powers.

Cut to a seedy room in downtown New York and Harry D'Amour. He's a private dick with an interest in the occult who is

hired to do a job in California. In Los Angeles, he stumbles across world-famous magician Philip Swann (Kevin J. O'Connor) and his beautiful wife, Dorethea (Pamela Jeanen).

Following a fatal accident at Swann's Magic Show, Harry is sucked into a world of supernatural forces, terror and death. Falling for Dorethea, Harry uncovers the secret of her past. Finally, he goes mano-a-mano with the diabolical power that gave Swann his dark magic.

This might have been the basis for a campy, silly but entertaining B-movie. Visually, it's not a complete bust. For instance, Barker shows true talent in setting several chase and stalking scenes in the labyrinthine corridors of the cultists' house. There a couple of good lines and one cleverly timed rendition of the 1950's song "Magic Moments."

But with these few exceptions, the 109-minute movie lacks enough black humor, irony or lighter touches to balance the relentless nastiness.

As the love interest Dorethea, Janissen's performance is wooden. Perhaps she'll shine with better material when she plays opposite Pierce Brosnan in the forthcoming James Bond movie. She's certainly not helped here by appalling overacting from many of the extras.

Finally there's Bakula, best-known for his work on the hit TV series "Quantum Leap." It must be the lure of seven-digit feature film salaries that draws accomplished and popular TV stars to Bakula will chose his material more carefully.

If you want an evening curled up in front of a frightening film, save your money. Depending on your taste, there are a lot of good ones out there, including "Silence of the Lambs," the first "Halloween," "Carrie" and "Psycho." For the cost of two tickets to this dreadful film, you could stay home and rent four others.

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Doris Edwards promotes a 'Revival in Sisterhood.'

Revival in Sisterhood to be held this week

The Quad-City Unit of Church Women United will hold a retreat with the theme, "Revival in Sisterhood," on Sept. 8 and 9 at the King's House Retreat and Renewal Center in Belleville. The retreat is being planned with the following goals:

- Connection with a sense of belonging.
- Understanding one's worth as God's child.
- Opportunities and options.
- Praying and working together toward a common goal.
- Community awareness.

Each church affiliated with CWU has been asked to help sponsor a young woman 40 years old or younger to attend. The event begins Friday at 6 p.m. with a social time. Those who come early are welcome to enjoy the 45 acres of quiet wooded area to help prepare themselves for an inspirational weekend. The Friday session will be a visualization of what CWU women will look like in five years, with the creation of a new world.

The keynote speaker for Friday will be Kathy Clark, a career seeker, wife, mother and her own self. She will share how you can have it all. The Christ With Us Choir will also sing Friday, under the direction of the Rev. Rose Harmonat, pastor of St. Peter United Church of Christ in Granite City. The ecumenical choir has eight different denominations represented.

On Saturday, the featured guest speaker will be Sister Joan Albaugh, CDP, who presents spiritual healing through therapeutic massage and therapeutic touch.

Cost per person is \$50. This includes one night of lodging (with private room and bath), two meals and plenty of snacks. Any woman interested should call Doris Edwards at Central Christian Church, 876-6532; or Elizabeth Briggs at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church, 877-4555.

Briefly

Fish are fried at Shrine Club

The Tri-City Shrine Club will hold a fish fry on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 8 and 9, in the Belmore Village Shopping Center on Nameoki Road. Serving hours will be 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Plates include fish, french fries, cole slaw, pickles, onions and white or wheat bread and cost \$3.50. Fish sandwiches will also be available. Tickets are available from any Shrine Club member or at the site.

Old Six Mile

meets Sept. 11
Old Six Mile Historical Society will have the first meeting of the season at 7 p.m. Sept. 11 at Central Christian Church, 2020 Johnson Road in Granite City.

The meeting will feature a video on "steambating on the Mississippi River" with Eckert Romann, 93, which recounts his experiences as a boy and young man traveling from Venice to Chester, where he visited his grandparents and his uncle Otto Romann. He remembers vividly the sounds, smells and sights on the journey.

Refreshments will be served and an attendance prize awarded. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Christian Initiation is

Tuesday, Sept. 12
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, in the community center at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2606 Washington Ave. in Granite City.

The program is open to all adults who would like to know more about the Catholic faith. Weekly gatherings will give in-depth information about Catholic Christianity.

Father Tom Wise and the RCIA team invite everyone who would like to join them in this "journey of faith" to the first meeting. If you are searching for more meaning in your life, the Catholic faith is open to you. Call Father Wise at 877-7158 or 452-8244.

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Stunblewedd, 10 p.m.

Adamjack, 11 p.m.

Howie's Maggie, midnight.

Mississippi River Music Festival, September 15. Featured acts will be:

The O'Jays, 9 p.m.

Heroes & Villains, 10 p.m.

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Today's Food

Wednesday, September 6, 1995

Food & Nutrition

Wise Ways

Challenge of eating five servings of fruits and vegetables a day is much tastier—and easier—than aiming for the moon.

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Heart-y Bites

A sandwich can be a heart-y choice for lunch brought from home in a bag or box.

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Blue Ribbon Cook

This week's winner makes a bowl of snacks one pop better.

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Private Label Test Run

Some people drink apple juice like water. Would the Shop 'n Save brand be to their liking?

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Micro Raves

A hungry student can absorb a snack faster than math tables or grammar rules.

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Lively Taste

Fruit juice adds tang and moistness to a simmered sauce. Combine 1/3 cup orange juice, 3 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce, 2 tablespoons honey, 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard, 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh ginger root and 2 cloves garlic, crushed. Pour over vegetables or meat about 10 minutes before it finishes cooking. If desired, sauce can be simmered by itself in pan until thickened.

Health & Fitness

Medicine Chest

Moderating use of dairy products may control effects of lactose intolerance.

INSIDE

Kids' Cuisine

If your child wants to play a supervised sport at school, support that interest. A recent study of high school students found more than 35 percent spend at least three hours watching television, videos and playing video games each day. Not only does this sedentary viewing take time away from physically active pursuits, but it often is associated with extra eating. A sedentary lifestyle can lead to obesity, a factor in many chronic diseases.

Big Fat Tip

Keep the kitchen well-stocked with ingredients low in fat. Spices, vegetables and non-perishable staples like white and brown rice and canned beans are reliable for a quick meal that doesn't involve fat-tempting kitchens away from home. Items like dry beans and rice can be cooked in advance and stored in the refrigerator or freezer.

Future Shop

There could be more to banking at a supermarket than withdrawing cash from an automatic teller machine. One possibility is having a bank representative available for arranging loans and taking out mortgages. If that is the case, insomnia caused by worry over bills could be as simple as heading to the store for a carton of milk—providing the banker works beyond the typical 9-to-5 shift.

1 potato, 2 potato, 3 potato...

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

America ranks potatoes No. 1 in its esteem for vegetables.

This country's "pomme de terre" has admirers who appreciate it as a masher, fried, stuffed, baked, made into salad, smashed into dumplings or shredded into pancakes.

Potato lovers live in many households. The advent of busy schedules and potatoes cooked in a microwave oven adds fire to the flame of contempt by those who



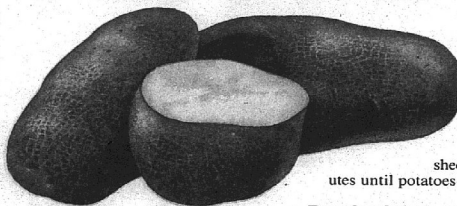
prefer a dry exterior and mealy center on truly baked potatoes vs. those who prefer them steamed under cover of aluminum wrap and baked in a conventional oven, which makes microwaving them a quick, delectable bonus.

There seems to be no way to please all the people all the time. Eating comfort foods—often mashed potatoes—became fashionable, while "couch potato" was considered derogatory, so even a vegetable like a non-threatening

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Russets have a white flesh that turns fluffy when cooked. They are popular for baking.

Half-Baked Potatoes: Preheat oven to 450°. Coat baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray. Halve lengthwise a medium russet potato for each person. Brush cut sides with oil. Dip oiled portions into grated parmesan cheese seasoned with basil and pepper until coated. On baking sheets, place cheese-side down. Bake about 30 minutes until potatoes are tender and cheese is crusty.

Round reds have rosy red skin with white flesh. They may be called "new," but technically may not have been dug from the ground recently. Their firm, waxy texture lends well to potato salad, roasting, boiling and frying.

French Potato Salad: Cook sliced round reds in boiling water until just tender. Drain. While they are still warm, toss with enough white wine vinegar to moisten, then toss with some good olive oil. Add sliced green onion, minced parsley and chopped tarragon.

Toss to mix. Season with salt, pepper and Dijon mustard.

Blue and purple potatoes are not common, but do become available in fall. To preserve their color, microwaving works best, but steaming and baking are also good preparation methods.

Patriotic Potato Trio: Select small blue potatoes, some round reds and a long white to match their size. Pierce with fork. Bake in preheated 400°-oven until tender. Slit tops. Gently squeeze to fluff pulp. Serve immediately with salsa and sour cream.

Today's Food

Private Label Test Run



Shop 'n Save apple juice proved a refreshing, fruity drink for Suburban Journal tasters.

Apple juice from jar flows with fruity flavor

Testers of Shop 'n Save apple juice thought the company left the apple in the juice.

At \$1.59 per gallon, it struck a positive chord among tasters. Most national brands cost as much as \$1.99.

One fan said, "I really like the apple juice (my favorite juice). I thought it had an apple cider sort of bite — which was good."

She opposes apple juice that is overly sweet.

"I buy the canned and usually water it down because it's so sweet. I like this one's bite," she said.

Another tester — not an avowed apple juice fan — liked it, too.

"It is tart enough, not too sweet or heavy. I like it,"

she said.

One tester who likes food flavorful had kind words as well.

"This is a very good apple juice, with a great blend of tartness and sweetness, yet a nice apple flavor."

A taster said her teenage son drinks apple juice like water, so she usually bought what was on sale, figuring flavor didn't make much difference to him.

"Finally, he asked me to stick to one brand so he could get a single flavor he liked. Shop 'n Save was offering good prices at the time — around 99 cents, so I started to buy it. After more than a year, he never has complained."

The price was right for another tester, too.

Heart-y Bites

Grab a bag for lunch that supersedes take-out

Taking a sack lunch to work makes impressive points.

Just think about no more waits in restaurants, brusque service, high bills or indigestion from gobbling down food. To top it off, it is sometimes difficult to get a well-balanced meal.

Millions of people like me have discovered a sack lunch from home is a meal to enjoy.

You eat what you like. It's fresh. You can relax, enjoy a hassle-free lunch break or use the extra time to run errands, write a letter, call a friend or relative or walk around the block.

Why do people still eat out?

One excuse is lack of time to pack lunch. Actually, very little organization is needed to do it.

Sandwiches are the sack lunch standard. They do not have to be soggy, mangled or bland. The best way to pack a sog-free sandwich is to take the makings individually. Pack bread, a spread like reduced-fat mayonnaise or mustard, a filling of lean meat, tuna or chicken salad, and crispy parts, such as salad greens or shredded carrot or celery in separate plastic containers or sandwich wrap and make the sandwich at work just before eating.

The meat sandwich is popular for lunch packers. Low-fat luncheon meats or deli meats may be fast and convenient, but fresh meats — such as leftover lean roast beef, pork loin, turkey and chicken from the kitchen or grill — are more nutrient-

dense, lower in sodium and less expensive in the long run. Just expect to take 3 or 4 slices when roasting favorite lean meats.

A good sack lunch includes:

- A protein food, such as fish, lean meat, poultry, peanut butter, dried beans or peas, or low-fat cheese.

- A fruit or vegetable high in vitamin A or C or both. Carrots, dark green leafy vegetables and cantaloupe are all high in vitamin A. For vitamin C, try broccoli, oranges and grapefruit.

- A complex carbohydrate. This is the easy base of a sandwich — whole-grain bread, tortilla, pita bread, bagel, low-fat muffin or English muffin — or rice, pasta or melba toast. These are inexpensive, tasty sources of B vitamins.

The first rule to avoid an unsafe sack lunch is the same as eating at home: Prepare and store it carefully. Use clean utensils. Foods that spoil quickly are best chilled before quick packing in an insulated food carrier.

Always put a sack lunch in the refrigerator upon reaching your destination or use a frozen gel pack to keep the meal chilled until lunch time. Wash fruits and vegetables in warm soapy water 2 to 3 minutes, then rinse thoroughly in cold water before eating.

Pear-Oatmeal Muffins make a great addition to a lunch.

Registered dietitian Debra Drury is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, St. Louis Chapter.

The next "I Love Eating" class will be a double-dip. Registered dietitian Denise Barrett will stuff lunch bags full of easy, delectable ideas at 1 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, at St. Luke's Hospital, 232 S. Woods Mill Road. For information or reservations for the free event, call 45-HEART or toll-free (800) 255-9919.

PEAR-OATMEAL MUFFINS

1 can (16 oz.) pear halves in juice
1½ cups flour
2 tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 cup uncooked oats
½ cup raisins
2 tsp. grated orange peel
¼ cup yolk-free egg product
½ cup honey
¼ cup oil

Preheat oven to 400°. Grease muffin tins. Drain pears, reserving ¼ cup juice. Chop finely. Stir together flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, oats, coconut and orange peel. In separate bowl, blend egg product, reserved pear juice and oil. Add to flour mixture. Blend well. Stir in pear.

Fill prepared muffin tins two-thirds full. Sprinkle tops with extra cinnamon, if desired. Bake in preheated oven 20 to 25 minutes.

MOSTACCIOLI MOSTA

1 lb. ground beef
1 cup chopped onion
1 can (16 oz.) tomatoes, broken up
2 cans (8 oz.) tomato sauce
1 cup ripe olives, coarsely chopped
¼ cup grated parmesan

cheese
1 tsp. leaf oregano
¼ cup crushed red pepper
1 lb. uncooked mostaccioli
2 tsp. butter or margarine, softened
1 cup (4 oz.) grated mozzarella cheese

In large skillet, cook ground beef and onion. Drain excess fat. Add tomatoes, tomato sauce, olives, parmesan cheese, oregano and

crushed pepper. Simmer 15 minutes. Prepare mostaccioli according to package directions. Drain. Toss with softened butter. Arrange pasta in 3-quart shallow baking dish. Pour meat sauce over pasta. Top with mozzarella. Place under broiler, if desired, 2 to 3 minutes until cheese melts. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Medicine Chest

By REBECCA COLEY

Keeping dairy foods minimal may ease lactose intolerance

About 25 percent of adults in the United States may have problems tolerating lactose, which is found in dairy products.

An inability to drink milk

or eat dairy products often is attributed to "lactose intolerance." This means a person cannot digest lactose properly, resulting in symptoms that can include bloat-

ing, abdominal pain, diarrhea and flatulence.

After weaning, the amount of lactase, the enzyme responsible for breaking down lactose, declines in a

person's intestines. This is an easy target for blame in lactose intolerance, but there may be other causes.

A study recently published in the New England Journal

of Medicine compared the effects of an 8-ounce (1-cup) glass of milk daily to 8 ounces lactose-hydrolyzed milk, a product readily available in many supermarkets.

Registered pharmacist Rebecca Coley is assistant professor of pharmacy administration at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

Potatoes

Continued from page 1C. potato can invite tomato-throwing.

Still, the potato does its best.

A medium potato holds a moderate 120 calories (the same as a large apple), no fat, little sodium, a load of potassium at 680 milligrams (which can be conserved by baking or steaming, rather than boiling), 27 grams carbohydrate, 3 grams protein and a respectable amount — 2 grams — dietary fiber. The peel holds vitamin C. Left on its own, it can melt hearts without high-fat companions like butter, margarine, sour cream, bacon and cheese.

New potatoes, red potatoes, russets and white — long or round — potatoes are the usual varieties. New varieties are being developed all the time. During this traditional time of the harvest, yellow, blue and purple-fleshed potatoes may appear.

New potatoes need not be tiny, just newly dug. Look for clean, firm, thick potatoes that are not shriveled, black-

ened or sprouting. This time of year the skin should be easy to scrape off. Their ability to stay firm after steaming, then tossing with herbs or made into traditional potato salads. Russets are perfect for baking.

Do not refrigerate potatoes, or they become sweet and will darken when cooked. If kept in the light, they turn green and develop a bitter flavor. Therefore, store them in a cool, dark, well-ventilated location. Ideal storage temperature is 45° to 50°.

If the goal is to eat potatoes with skins on, wash potatoes by scrubbing gently with a vegetable brush. Remove any sprouts or dark spots on the skin. Potatoes with a greenish hue make some people sick. To keep flesh white a short time before cooking, cover peeled potatoes with cold water.

POTATOES PRIMAVERA

1½ lb. (4 medium) potatoes, sliced ½ inch thick
3 tbsp. olive oil
3 large cloves garlic, minced
5 cups assorted vegetable pieces (broccoli florets, sliced asparagus, zucchini, crookneck squash, red or yellow bell pepper or mushrooms, snow peas, and fresh or frozen peas)
¼ tsp. pepper
1 cup cherry tomatoes
½ cup sliced fresh or 1½ tsp. dried leaf basil
1 to 1½ tsp. lemon juice
Salt to taste
Grated romano or parmesan cheese, if desired

Cook potatoes in just enough water to cover until barely tender. To micro-

wave, in shallow 1½- to 2-quart microwave-safe dish, cover potatoes with plastic wrap, venting one corner. Microwave on high power 7 to 10 minutes until just tender.

Heat oil over medium heat in 12-inch nonstick skillet. Cook garlic 1 minute. Add 5 cups vegetable pieces.

Increase heat to high. Cook and toss 5 to 8 minutes until vegetables are tender-crisp.

Add potatoes and pepper. Cook and toss 3 minutes.

Add tomatoes, basil and lemon juice.

Cook and toss about 2 minutes until tomatoes are heated through.

Season with salt. Sprinkle with grated cheese. Makes 4 servings; 301 calories, 11 g fat, no cholesterol, 20 mg sodium, 46 g carbohydrate, 8 g protein and 6 g fiber each (without cheese or salt).

MIDWEEK SCRAMBLE

1½ lb. (4 medium) potatoes, cut in ½ inch cubes
3 tsp. oil
3 eggs, beaten
1½ cups sliced mushrooms
½ cup chopped onion
¼ lb. lean ground beef
2 to 3 tsp. chili powder
6 cups lightly packed leaf spinach, or 1 pkg. (9 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, thoroughly drained
¼ tsp. pepper
Salt to taste
Salsa, ketchup or grated parmesan cheese, if desired

Cook potatoes in just enough water to cover until barely tender. To microwave, in shallow 1½- to 2-quart microwave-safe dish, cover potatoes with plastic wrap, venting one corner. Microwave on high power

7 to 10 minutes until just tender.

In Dutch oven or 12-inch nonstick skillet, heat 2 teaspoons oil over medium heat. Add eggs. Cook and stir until set. Remove from pan.

Heat remaining 1 teaspoon oil in skillet. Increase heat to high. Add mushrooms and onion. Cook and stir 5 minutes.

Add beef. Break up and cook until beef loses pink color. Drain fat, if needed. Mix in chili powder. Add spinach and potatoes.

Cook and stir 5 to 8 minutes until spinach wilts and potatoes are heated through.

Return eggs to pan. Toss until just heated through. Season with pepper.

Serve with salsa, ketchup or grated parmesan cheese. Makes 4 servings; 417 calories, 19 g fat, 212 mg cholesterol, 182 mg sodium, 37 g carbohydrate, 26 g protein and 6 g fiber each.

Blue Ribbon Cook

By DEB DRURY

Toasted snack is a winner

Beth Berner, South St. Louis County, is this week's winner of dinner certificates to the Pasta House Co. for Dill Popcorn.

She calls this "a very popular snack" at her house. Her grandmother gave her the recipe.

Recipes in the next contest for any type of German food must be postmarked by Sept. 30. Weekly winners on the four Wednesdays in October will be taken from these entries.

A single entry to the contest should be sent to: German Fest Recipe Contest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131. Any type of German recipe will be welcome, but keep in mind that streamlined recipes better fit today's lifestyle.

One winner each week will be chosen on the basis of taste and eye appeal, as well as originality, although the recipe need not be original. Double-check directions and specific amounts, giving variations that individualize the recipe.

Duplicate entries will be considered on the basis of earlier entry or best compliance with rules.

DILL POPCORN

½ cup butter or margarine, melted
1 tsp. dried dill weed
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
½ tsp. onion powder
¼ tsp. garlic powder
2 qt. popped popcorn
3 cups shoestring potatoes
1 cup mixed nuts or peanuts

Preheat oven to 350°. Combine butter, dill, Worcestershire sauce, onion and garlic powder. Toss with popcorn, shoestring potatoes and nuts.

Spread mixture in shallow pan. Bake in preheated oven, stirring once, 6 to 8 minutes.

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Take to go

Most Americans eat more fruits and vegetables than they did in 1980. In fact, although definitions are for fruits and vegetables, most people eat three or more.

The American Dietetic Association and the American Diabetes Association recommend that people increase consumption of high-fiber foods and fruits and vegetables as part of their diet to help reduce cancer and heart disease.

This year National Week will be Oct. 10 to 16.

"What could be easier than eating more of that tastes good health?" asks coordinator of May Day for Better Living.

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Today's Food

Wise Ways

By CYNTHIA FAUSER

Take the tasty challenge to good eating habits

Most Americans think they eat more fruits and vegetables than they actually do. In fact, although recommendations are for five servings of fruits and vegetables daily, most people eat only two or three.

The American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and American Diabetes Association recommend that people reduce their intake of fats and increase consumption of high-fiber foods, such as fruits and vegetables, as part of their eating patterns to help reduce the risk of cancer and heart disease.

This year National 5-a-Day Week will be observed Sept. 10 to 16.

"What could be better to hear and easier to do than eating more of something that tastes good for better health?" asks Ethel Smith, coordinator of Missouri's 5-a-Day for Better Health Program.

It's easier than one thinks. Contrary to misconceptions, a 5-a-Day serving is simply

a moderate — sometimes even less than a moderate — size.

One serving equals one medium piece of fruit, ¾ cup (8 ounces) 100 percent fruit or vegetable juice, ½ cup cooked or canned vegetables or fruit, 1 cup raw leafy vegetables, ½ cup dried peas or beans, or ¼ cup dried fruit.

Now that is not hard. Drink a glass of 100 percent juice in the morning, add a side salad at lunch, pack a small bag of raisins or piece of fruit for a snack.

Most people need only add two more servings to gain the full health benefits fruits and vegetables offer. Try it one day, then for a week, then keep it up for life.

The Missouri Department of Health, a participant in the national observance, offers a free brochure, "Eat More Fruits and Vegetables." To receive a copy, call toll-free (800) 316-0935.

Today's official 5-a-Day recipe is a quick-as-a-wink way to enjoy healthful fruits

and vegetables. Try it as a side dish to the next pizza.

Registered dietitian Cynthia Fauser is nutrition specialist for University Extension (University of Missouri system) in St. Louis County.

ZUCCHINI WITH LEMON AND PARMESAN

1 lb. small zucchini
½ tsp. olive oil
½ tsp. grated lemon peel
1 tbsp. parmesan cheese, freshly grated preferred
Freshly ground pepper

Cut zucchini lengthwise in quarters, then in half crosswise.

In 10-inch skillet, heat olive oil over medium-high heat. Cook zucchini and lemon peel, stirring frequently, about 3 minutes until zucchini is lightly browned and tender-crisp.

OLD-FASHIONED POTATO SALAD

1 cup mayonnaise-type salad dressing
1 tsp. dry mustard
¼ tsp. pepper
4 cups cubed, cooked potato
4 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
1 cup chopped celery
¼ cup chopped onion

In large bowl, mix salad dressing, mustard and pepper. Add potato, egg, celery and onion. Mix lightly. Refrigerate. Makes 12 servings; 160 calories, 3 g protein, 11 g carbohydrate, 12 g fat, 115 mg cholesterol and 150 mg sodium each.

Micro Raves

By BETTY SERATI

'Glob' a sweet or zap potatoes for super snack

Is it possible summer has come to an end and school is beginning? Depending on one's perspective, it either went too quickly — or it took forever.

Children go back to class and familiar routines resume. While classes change and activities vary, one fact remains constant: Children are hungry when they return home from a day at school. They want to eat.

Left to their own resources, they unfortunately often choose foods that provide little, if any, nourishment but lots of fats and sugars, such as chips, candy and cookies. When dinner time appetites are spoiled due to this routine, a battle often ensues.

An alternative is to provide healthy snacks with a minimum of mess and uncomplicated preparation. Many of today's children are responsible for preparing their own after-school treats and they want something quick and easy — and tasty. Parents want good nutrition — without a messy kitchen.

This dilemma is easily solved with a little forethought and the aid of a microwave oven.

Parents generally approve of fruits and vegetables as snacks. Having plenty of these available is always a good idea. Both can be purchased cleaned and ready to eat at most supermarkets.

Children like to dunk them in something.

For Easy Vegetable Dip, combine 1 can condensed cream of celery soup and 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese — both come in reduced-fat varieties — in a glass bowl. Cook in a microwave oven about 2 minutes on a medium-high setting. Stir well to mix flavors.

For Easy Fruit Dip, empty a carton of frozen cut strawberries into a glass bowl. Defrost (or use 30 percent power) about 2 minutes. Stir in 1 carton of low-fat yogurt. Mix well, slightly mashing strawberries.

Potatoes are a good choice, as long as they are not French-fried or slathered with fatty additions like sour cream, butter and cheese.

Potato Wedges are moderate in richness for a good snack or occasional dinner. For days when a sweet tooth must be satisfied, the Peanut-Oatmeal Glob is guaranteed to be a perfect solution for the after-school snacker.

Betty Serati specializes in microwave cooking.

POTATO WEDGES

2 baking potatoes
2 tbsp. margarine, melted, or 2 tsp.

melted

1 egg
1 cup uncooked oats
¾ cup whole wheat flour
1½ tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
1 cup shredded apple (about 1 medium), unpeeled
¾ cup (3 oz.) shredded

squeeze-on margarine

1 tsp. seasoned salt
1 tsp. seasoning-herb blend, if desired
½ cup (2 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese

Scrub potatoes well. Cut in wedges. Brush or squeeze on margarine. Sprinkle with seasoned salt and other desired seasonings.

On microwave-safe plate, cook potatoes on high power 6 to 7 minutes until tender. Sprinkle with cheese. Cover with waxed paper until cheese melts.

If desired, serve with Easy Vegetable Dip. Makes 3 or 4 servings.

PEANUT-OATMEAL GLOBS

½ cup crunchy low-fat peanut butter
½ cup honey
1 cup uncooked quick-cooking oats

In small glass bowl, combine peanut butter and honey. Microwave on high power 1½ to 2 minutes until blended. Stir in oats.

"Glob" onto waxed paper and let stand until firm, or serve hot as fruit dip. Makes about 1½ dozen globs.

cheddar cheese

½ cup raisins
½ cup toasted chopped walnuts (see note)

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 9-inch square baking pan.

Combine sugar, butter and egg in medium bowl. Add combined oats, flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt to egg mixture. Stir in apple, cheese, raisins and walnuts. Mix well.

Pat mixture into prepared pan. Bake in preheated oven 15 to 18 minutes until center is set but not firm.

Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut in bars. Store, tightly covered, at room temperature up to 2 days. For longer storage, wrap bars individually and freeze up to 3 weeks.

Note: To toast nuts, spread them even layer in shallow baking pan. Toast in 325° oven 5 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until just lightly browned. Remove from pan.

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CAN



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79¢
2-LTR.
BTL.

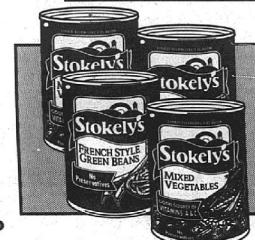
24-PACK COKE, DIET COKE, OR SPRITE \$5.67

LIMIT 6 COKE, OVER LIMIT 99¢



**Jiffy Corn
Muffin Mix**

10¢
8.5-
OUNCE
LIMIT 10



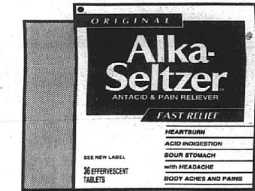
**Stokely
Vegetables**

4/\$1
14-15 OZ.
CAN
LIMIT 8



ULTRA POWDER
**Tide or Cheer
Laundry Detergent**

5 97
98-106 OUNCE
PACKAGE



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99¢
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PKG.

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COUPON LIMITS APPLY

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Red Tag Values!

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**Tide or Cheer
Laundry Detergent** **5 97**
100-OUNCE
BOTTLE

ASSORTED VARIETIES OR REFILL
**Ultra Downy
Fabric Softener....** **2/\$7**
40-OZ.

SPLIT TOP
**Shop 'n Save
Wheat Bread.....** **85¢**
20-OZ.
PKG.

SELECTED VARIETIES
**Chef Boy Ar Dee
Pasta.....** **99¢**
15-OZ.
CAN

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STUFFED MANZANILLA
**Mario
Olives.....** **89¢**
5.75-6
OZ. JAR

ASSORTED VARIETIES
**Kellogg's
Pop Tarts.....** **2/\$2**
11-OZ.
PKG.

KELLOGG'S
**Rice Krispies
Treats Cereal.....** **1 89**
14.5-OUNCE
BOX

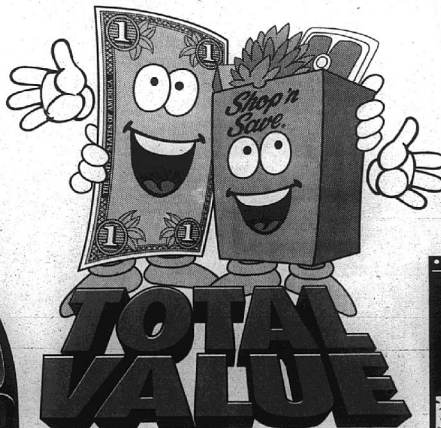
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**Frosted Flakes
Cereal.....** **2/\$4**
20-OZ.
BOX

GARFIELD PIZZAO'S, GARGOYLES,
OR SCHNOOKUMS
**Franco
American Pasta** **2/99**
15-OZ.
CAN

**Domino
Granulated Sugar....** **1 39**
4-POUND
BAG

BAKED, BACON OR
SOUR CREAM
**Keebler
Tato Wilds.....** **2/2 98**
9-OUNCE
BAG

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SHEETS
**Bounce Fabric
Softener.....** **2/\$7**
100-CT.
PKG.



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REGULAR, OR LIGHT

**Busch
Beer**

999
24-PK.
12-OZ. CANS



**Canadian
Mist**

11099
1.75-LTR.
BOTTLE

**BEER, LIQUOR AND
WINE**

Red Tag Values!

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**Michelob
Beer**.....

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12-OZ. CANS

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REG., LIGHT OR RED LIGHT
Coor's Beer.....

2/\$5
6-PACK N/R BTLs
AFTER 2/\$6.00 INSTANT COUPONS ON PACKAGE
EXCEPT BELLEVILLE & CAHOKIA

**Miller High Life
Beer**.....

899
24-PACK CUBE
12-OZ. CANS

REG., LIGHT OR ICE
**Milwaukee's Best
Beer**.....

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6-PACK
12-OZ. CANS

FROM THE PLANK ROAD BREWERY
**Ice House or
Red Dog Beer**.....

599
12-PACK
12-OZ. CANS

REG., LIGHT, ICE OR DRY
**Keystone
Beer**.....

399
12-PACK
12-OZ. CANS

OUR LOW SALE PRICE 3/\$8.00
ASSORTED VARIETIES

**Seagram's
Coolers**.....

AFTER \$5.00 IN-STORE MAIL-IN REBATE

3/\$3
4-PACK

ASSORTED VARIETIES

**Franzia
Wine**.....

649
5-LTR.
BOX

ASSORTED VARIETIES

**Carlo Rossi
Wine**.....

599
4-LTR.
BOTTLE

OUR LOW SALE PRICE \$6.99
ASSORTED VARIETIES

**Inglénook
Wine**.....

519
3-LTR.
BOTTLE

AFTER \$1.50 IN-STORE MAIL-IN REBATE

ASSORTED VARIETIES

**Almaden
Wine**.....

399
1.5-LTR.
BOTTLE

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Don't Drink & Drive**

LIQUOR PRICES GOOD AT
ILLINOIS STORES ONLY

ASSORTED VARIETIES

**Gallo Reserve
Wine**.....

3/999
750-ML.
BOTTLE

**Seagram's
Gin**.....

999
1.75-LTR.
BOTTLE

**Smirnoff
Vodka**.....

1299
1.75-LTR.
BOTTLE

OUR LOW SALE PRICE \$8.99
ASSORTED VARIETIES

**TGIF Frozen
Cocktails**.....

599
1.75-LTR.
BOTTLE

AFTER \$3.00 IN-STORE MAIL IN REBATE

**Jack
Daniels**.....

1099
750-ML.
BOTTLE

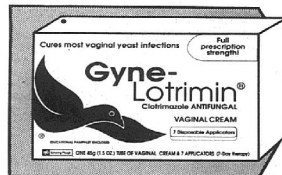
**Malibu
Rum**.....

899
750-ML.
BOTTLE



**Jhirmack Shampoo
or Conditioner**

149
11-OUNCE
BOTTLE



45 GR. CREAM OR 7 CT. INSERTS

Gyne-Lotrimin

949

SHAMPOO,
POWDER OR OIL
**Suave
Baby Products**.....

179
14-15 OZ. BTL.

ASSORTED VARIETIES

**J&J
Dental Floss**.....

89¢
50-YDS.

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10%
FROM MANUFACTURERS PRE-PRICE

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BAKERY ITEMS
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10%
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REGULAR OR KIDS

**ACT Dental
Rinse**.....

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12-OUNCE
BOTTLE

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CHERRY, OR MINT
**Maalox Plus
Liquid**.....

399
12-OUNCE
BOTTLE

**Save Even More...
With Our Homebest Line of
National Brand Equivalent
Health & Beauty Products**



ASSORTED VARIETIES

**Reach
Toothbrushes**.....

139
EACH

PRE-PRICED 5.99
RINSE OR STORE SOLUTION
Opti-Free.....

499
12-OUNCE
PACKAGE

35 MM. 200 SPEED

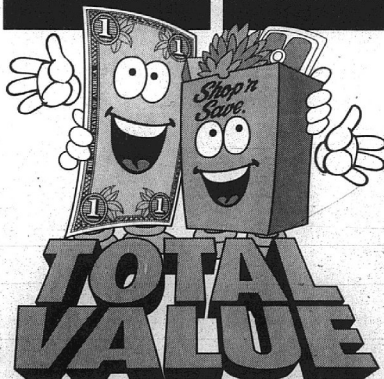
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Film**.....

379
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4/\$1

6-OUNCE PACKAGE

FROZEN FOOD AND DAIRY

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ASSORTED VARIETIES

Tombstone Original Pizza.....

2/5⁹⁸

12-INCH
18.4-24.3
OZ. PKG.

VANILLA, CHOCOLATE,
OR REDUCED FAT

Nestle Ice Cream Bars.....

2/\$4

6-CT.
PKG.

QUICK, HEATH OR
Butterfinger Ice Cream Bars.....

2/\$4

6-10 CT.
PKG.



LEAN, CROISSANTS OR
Hot Pockets.....

2/\$4

9-10 OZ.
PKG.

ASSORTED VARIETIES

Florida Natural Premium Juices.....

2/\$4

64-OZ.
CARTON

ASSORTED VARIETIES

Sargento Shredded Cheese.....

2/\$3

8-OZ.
PKG.

VIDEO CENTER

Everyday Values!

NOT AVAILABLE
AT ALL STORES



All New Release Video Rentals

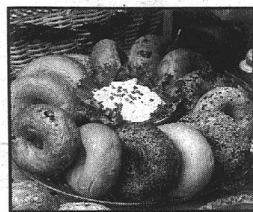
99¢

All Other Video Rentals

49¢

All Video Game Rentals

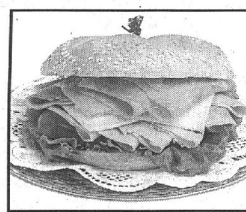
99¢



Fresh Bagels

2⁹⁹

12-COUNT
PACKAGE



PATRICK CUDAHY Honey Ham

3⁹⁹

lb.

BAKERY, SEAFOOD & DELI

Red Tag Values!

FRESH BAKED

Sub Buns.....

1¹⁹

4-CT. PKG.

Lone Star Sweet Rolls.....

3⁹⁹

8-CT. PKG.

ALASKAN
Whitefish Fillets.....

1⁹⁹

lb.

MOZZARELLA OR PROVOLONE

Wisconsin Cheese.....

2⁹⁹

lb.

FARM FRESH

Whole Catfish.....

2⁶⁹

lb.

FLAKES OR STICKS

Kanami Crab.....

2⁹⁹

lb.

BAKERY, SEAFOOD
& DELI NOT AVAILABLE AT ALL
STORES

ITALIAN BEEF,
CORNED BEEF, PASTRAMI OR
Swift Roast Beef.....

3⁹⁹

lb.

ALL GREETING
CARDS
DISCOUNTED

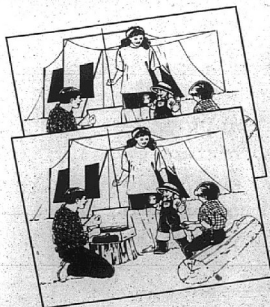
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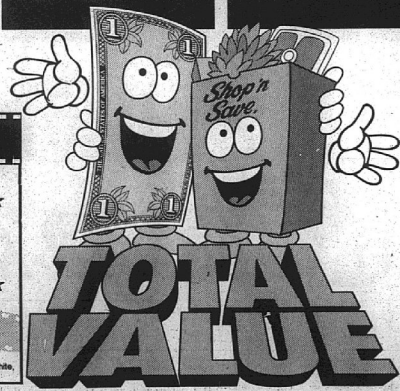
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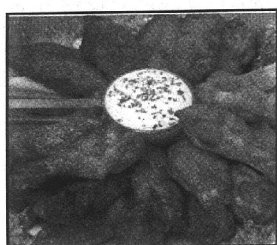
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USDA CHOICE BEEF
**Boneless Bottom
Round Roast**

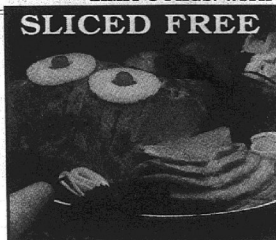
1.37
lb.

LIMIT 3 PKGS. WITH ADDITIONAL \$10.00 PURCHASE



FARM FRESH JUMBO PAK
**Chicken Thighs
or Drumsticks**

59¢
lb.



**Hunter Whole
Boneless Ham**

1.19
lb. 6-7 POUND
AVERAGE

USDA CHOICE BEEF
**Boneless Eye of
Round Roast.....**

1.99
lb.

**Farmland
Sliced Bacon.....**

1.69
1-LB. PKG.

ASSORTED VARIETIES
**Tennessee Pride
Pork Sausage.....**

1.99
1-LB. PKG.

ALL MEAT
**Oscar Mayer
Wieners.....**

69¢
12-OZ.
PKG.

FAJITA OR STIR FRY
**Hudson
Meal Kits.....**

4.99
34-OZ. PKG.

**Hillshire Farms
Smoked Sausage.....**

1.99
lb.

**Hygrade Ballpark
Franks.....**

2/\$3
1-LB. PKG.

**Hygrade
Sliced Bologna....**

99¢
1-LB. PKG.

BROWN & SERVE
**Swift Premium
Sausage.....**

99¢
7-8 OZ.
PKG.

CHOPPED HAM OR
**Oscar Mayer
Ham & Cheese.....**

2/3.89
1-LB. PKG.

SLICED

**Oscar Mayer
Cooked Ham.....**

3.99
1-LB. PKG.

ALL VARIETIES
**Claussen
Pickles.....**

2.19
32-OZ.
JAR

**Louis Rich
Ground Turkey....**

99¢
1-LB. ROLL

USDA CHOICE BEEF
**Boneless Eye of
Round Steak.....**

2.59
lb.

LEAN & TENDER
**Boneless Beef
Cube Steak.....**

1.99
lb.

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TERRY FARMS
**Sno-White
Mushrooms**

98¢
lb.

FRESH
**Portabello
Mushrooms.....**

1.98
lb.

SLICED

**Portabello
Mushrooms.....**

1.68
8-OZ. PKG.

**Sliced
Mushrooms.....**

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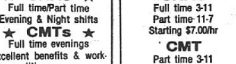
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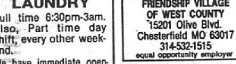
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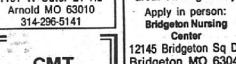
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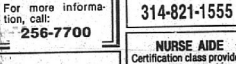
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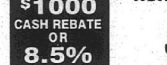
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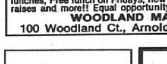
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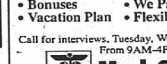
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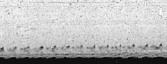
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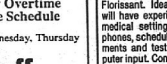
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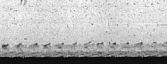
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